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THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR AN HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!

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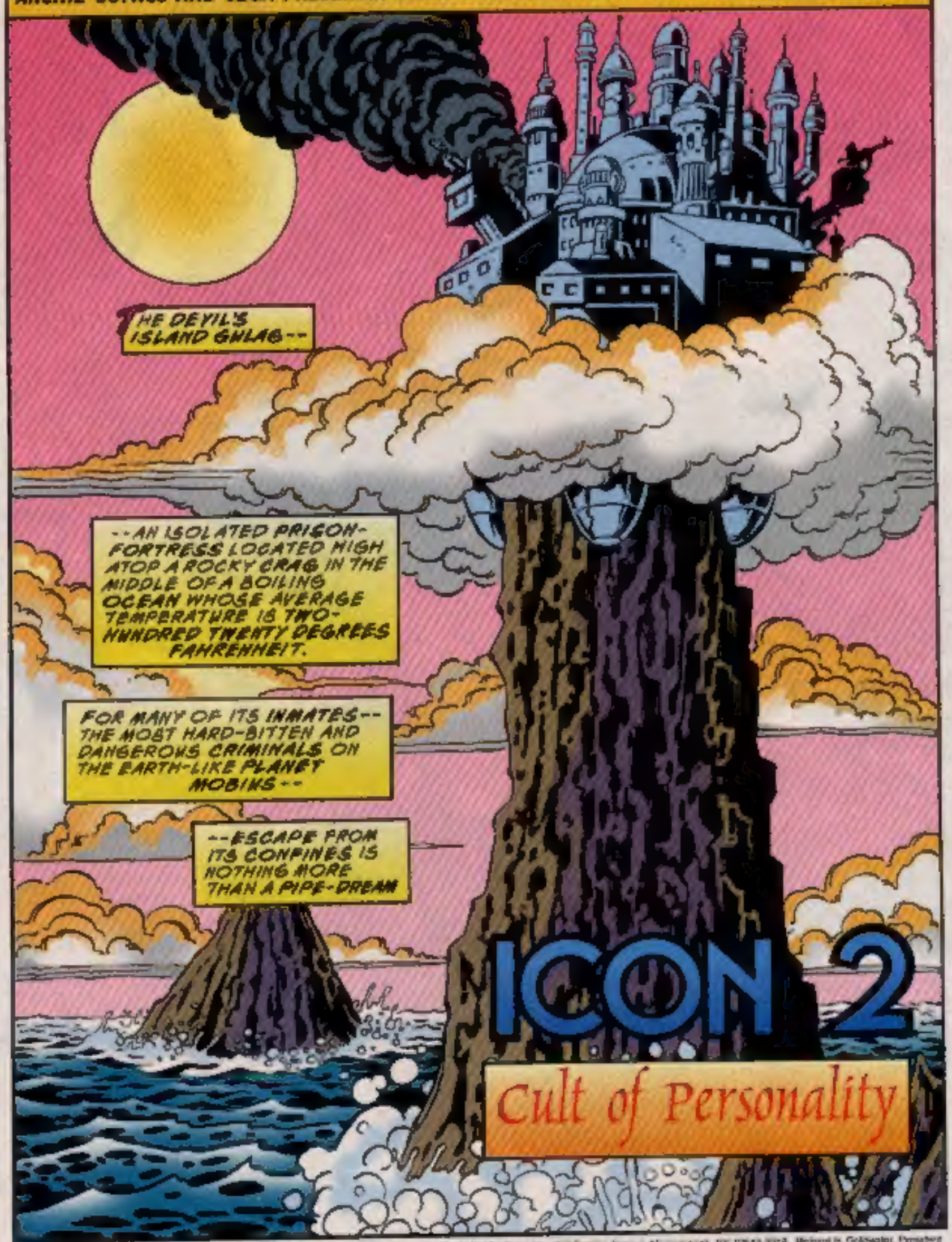

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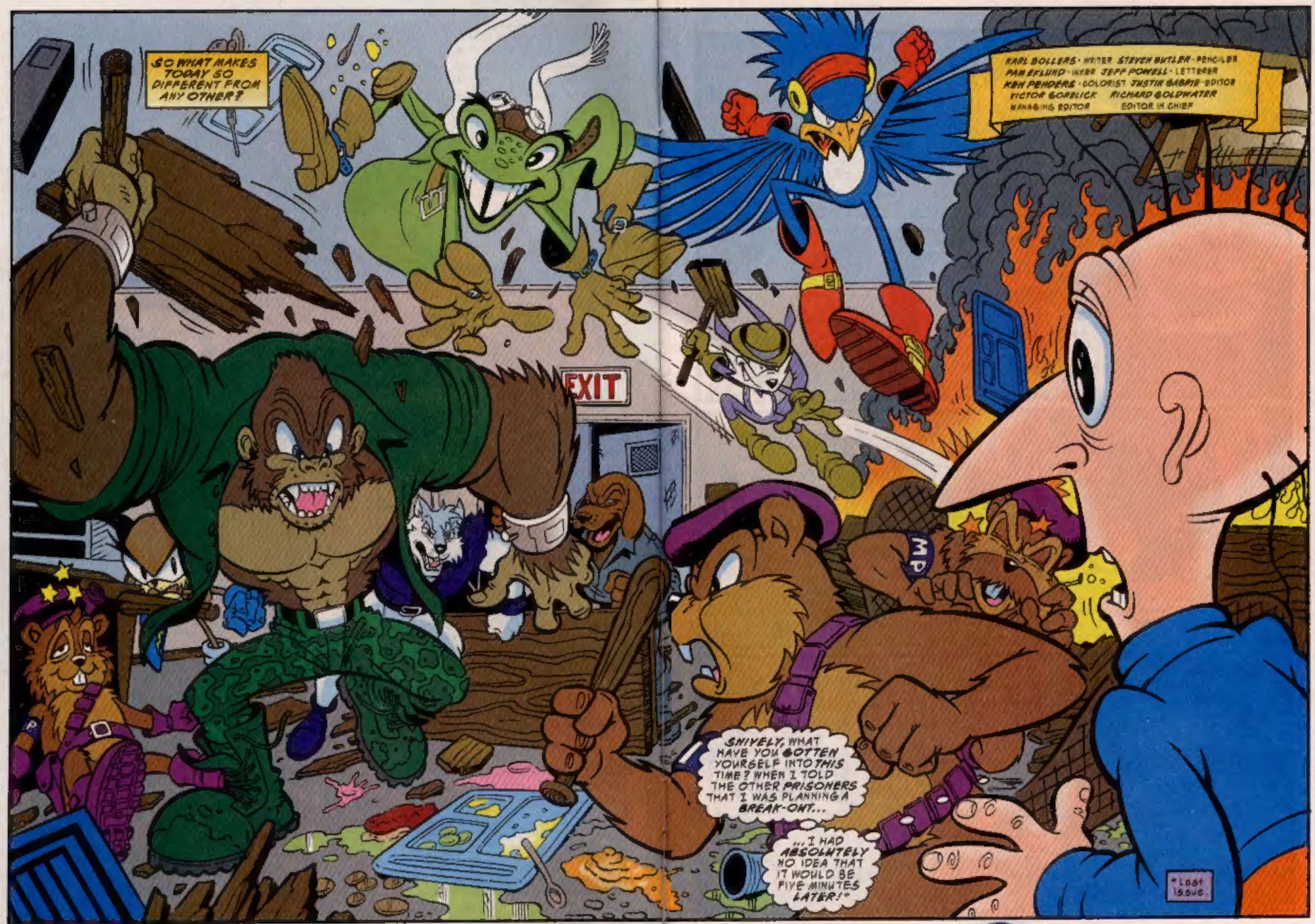
SO WHAT MAKES TODAY SO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER?
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EXIT
SNIVELY, WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOURSELF INTO THIS TIME? WHEN I TOLD THE OTHER PRISONERS THAT I WAS PLANNING A BREAK-OUT...
...I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE FIVE MINUTES LATER!"
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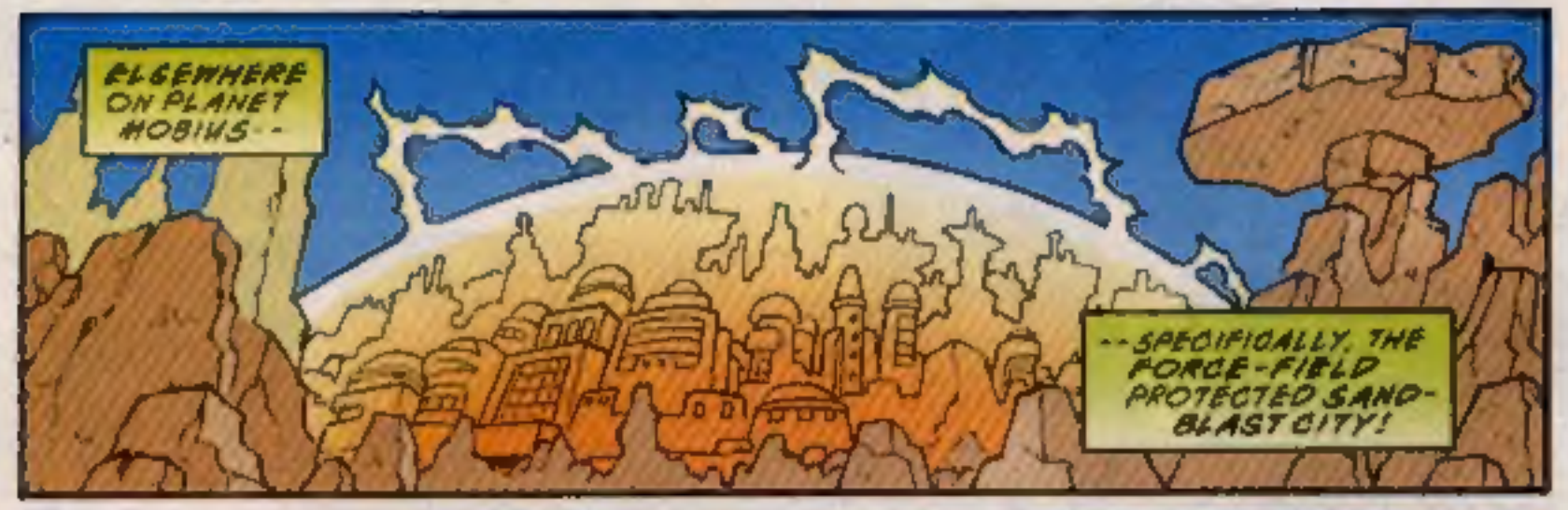
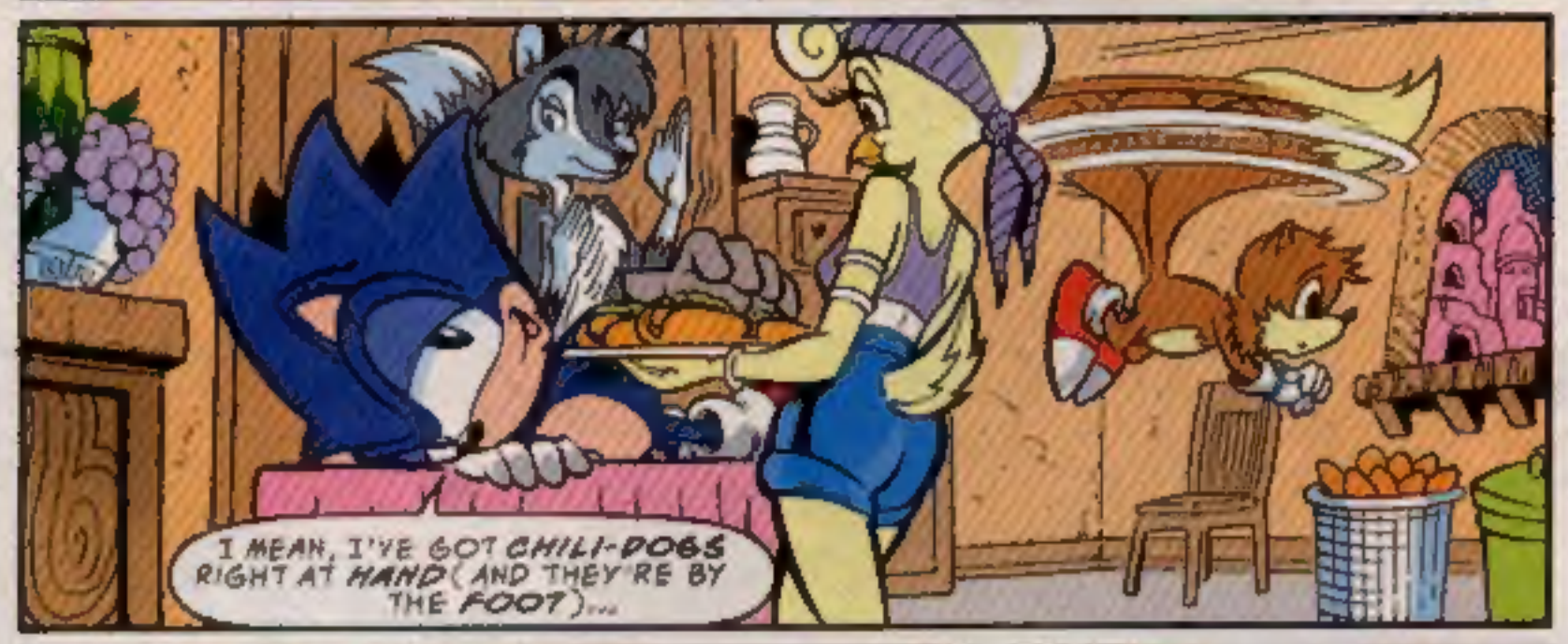
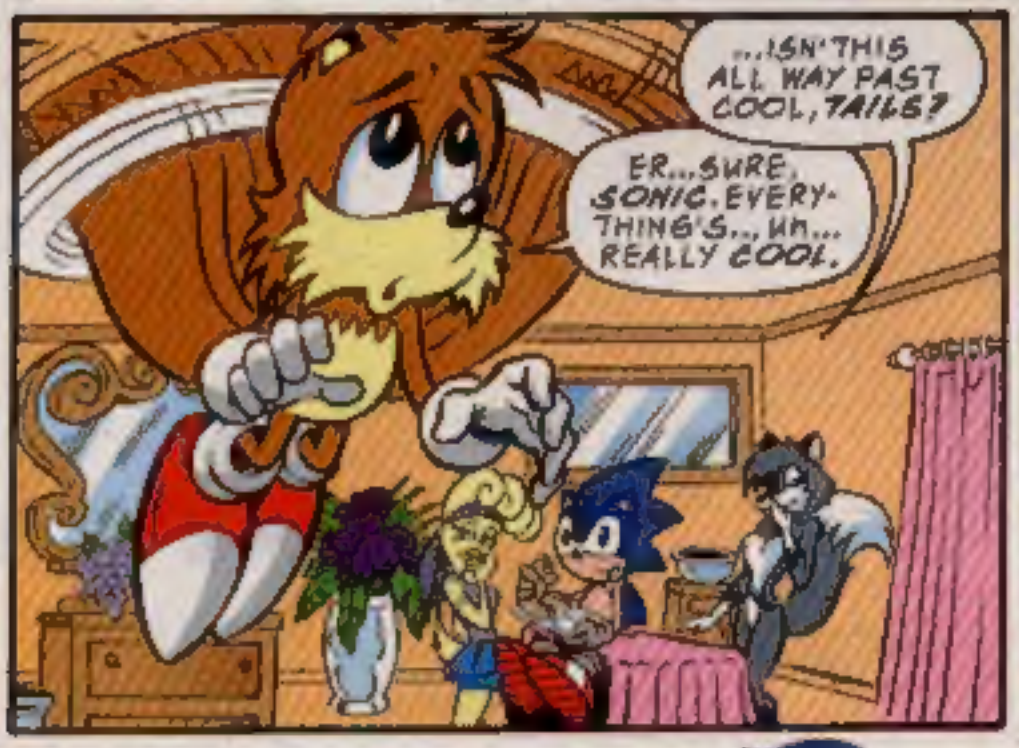
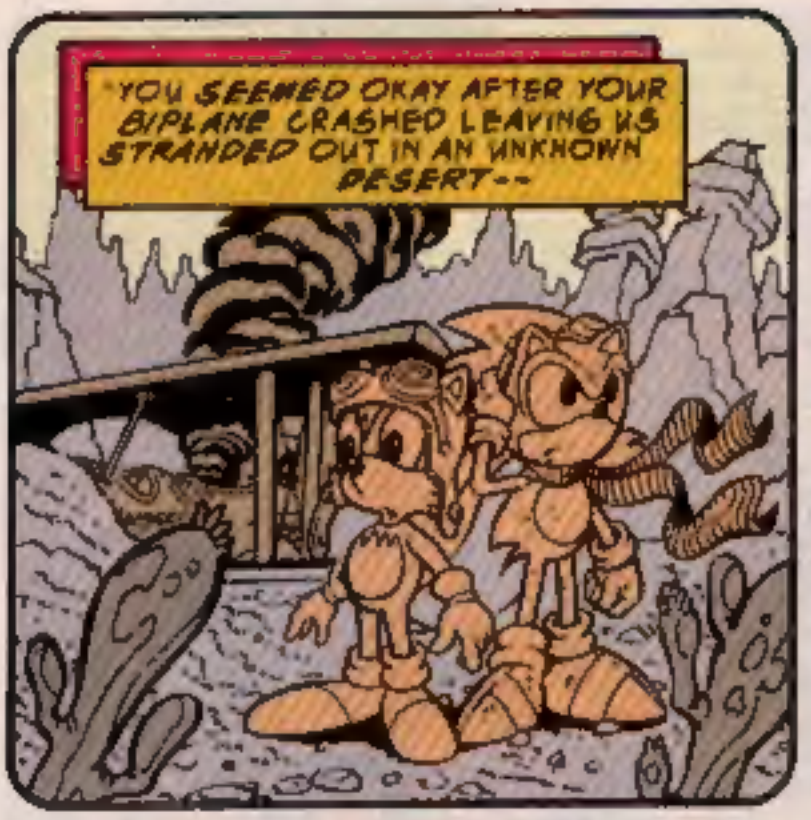

ELSEWHERE ON PLANET MOBIUS--
--SPECIFICALLY, THE FORCE-FIELD PROTECTED SAND-BLAST CITY!

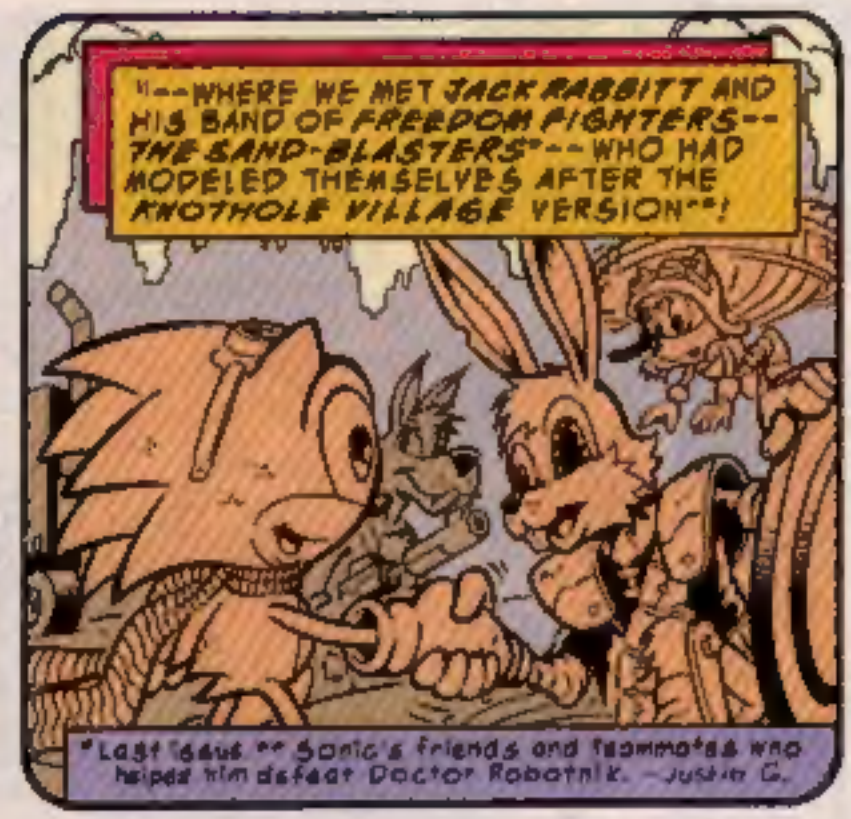
IF ONE THING CAN BE SAID ABOUT THESE SAND-BLASTERS...
...THEY SURE DO KNOW THE MEANING OF HOSPITALITY!

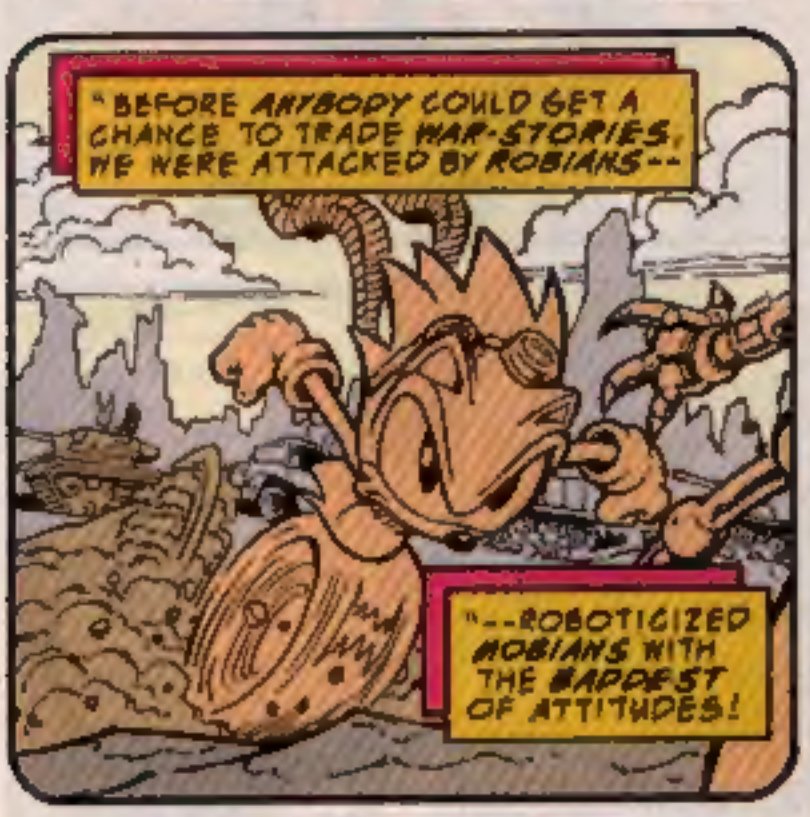

I MEAN, I'VE GOT CHILI-DOGS RIGHT AT HAND (AND THEY'RE BY THE FOOT)...

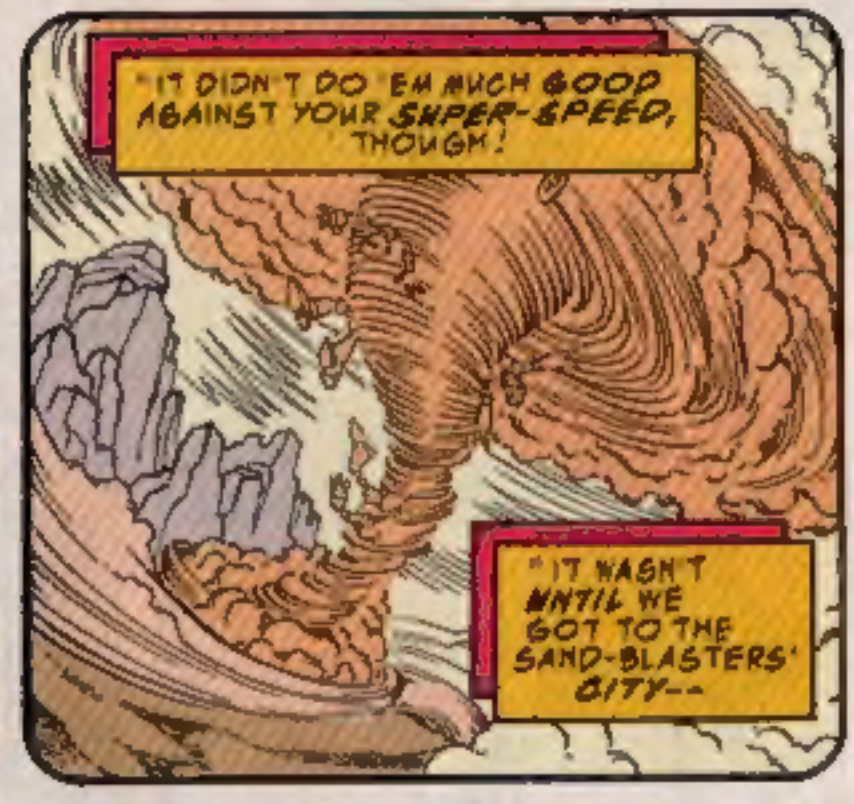

...ISN'T THIS ALL WAY PAST COOL, TAILS?
ER...SURE, SONIC. EVERY-THING'S... UH... REALLY COOL.

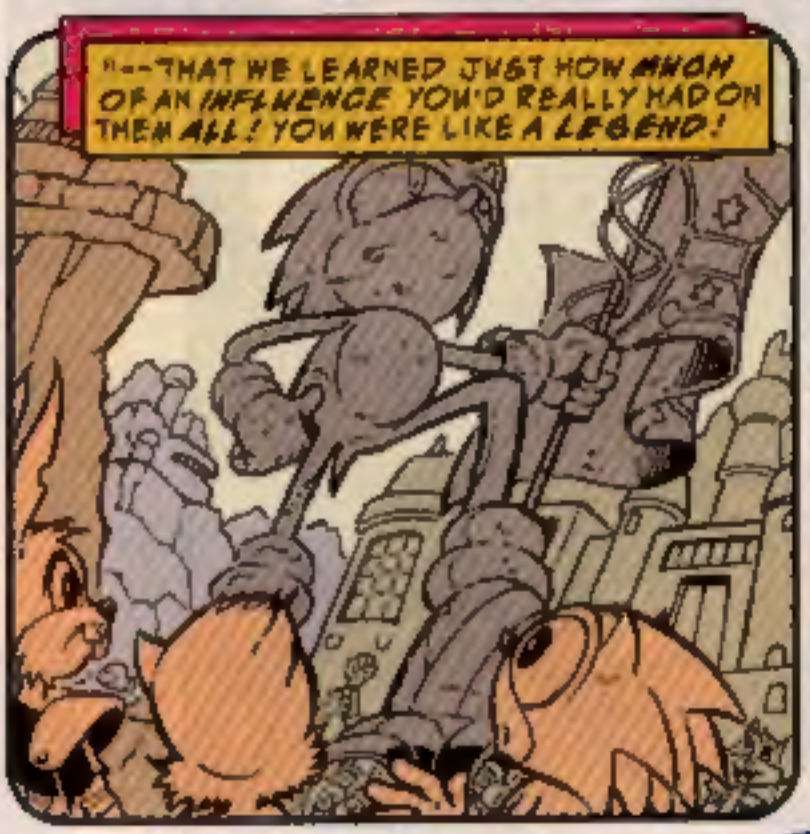
'CEPT FOR YOU, THAT'S!


"YOU SEEMED OKAY AFTER YOUR BIPLANE CRASHED LEAVING US STRANDED OUT IN AN UNKNOWN DESERT--


"--WHERE WE MET JACK RABBITT AND HIS BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS--THE SAND-BLASTERS"--WHO HAD MODELED THEMSELVES AFTER THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VERSION**!
*Last issue ** Sonic's friends and teammates who helped him defeat Doctor Robotnik. -Justin G.


"BEFORE ANYBODY COULD GET A CHANCE TO TRADE WAR-STORIES, WE WERE ATTACKED BY ROBIANS--
"--ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS WITH THE BADDEST OF ATTITUDES!


"IT DIDN'T DO 'EM MUCH GOOD AGAINST YOUR SUPER-SPEED, THOUGH!
"IT WASN'T UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SAND-BLASTERS' CITY--


"--THAT WE LEARNED JUST HOW MUCH OF AN INFLUENCE YOU'D REALLY HAD ON THEM ALL! YOU WERE LIKE A LEGEND!

"ALL OF THIS WASN'T BAD UNTIL YOU DECIDED WE SHOULD DELAY OUR MISSION*** FOR A FEW WEEKS!"
***Finding and stopping the evil wizard Ixis Naugus - JFG

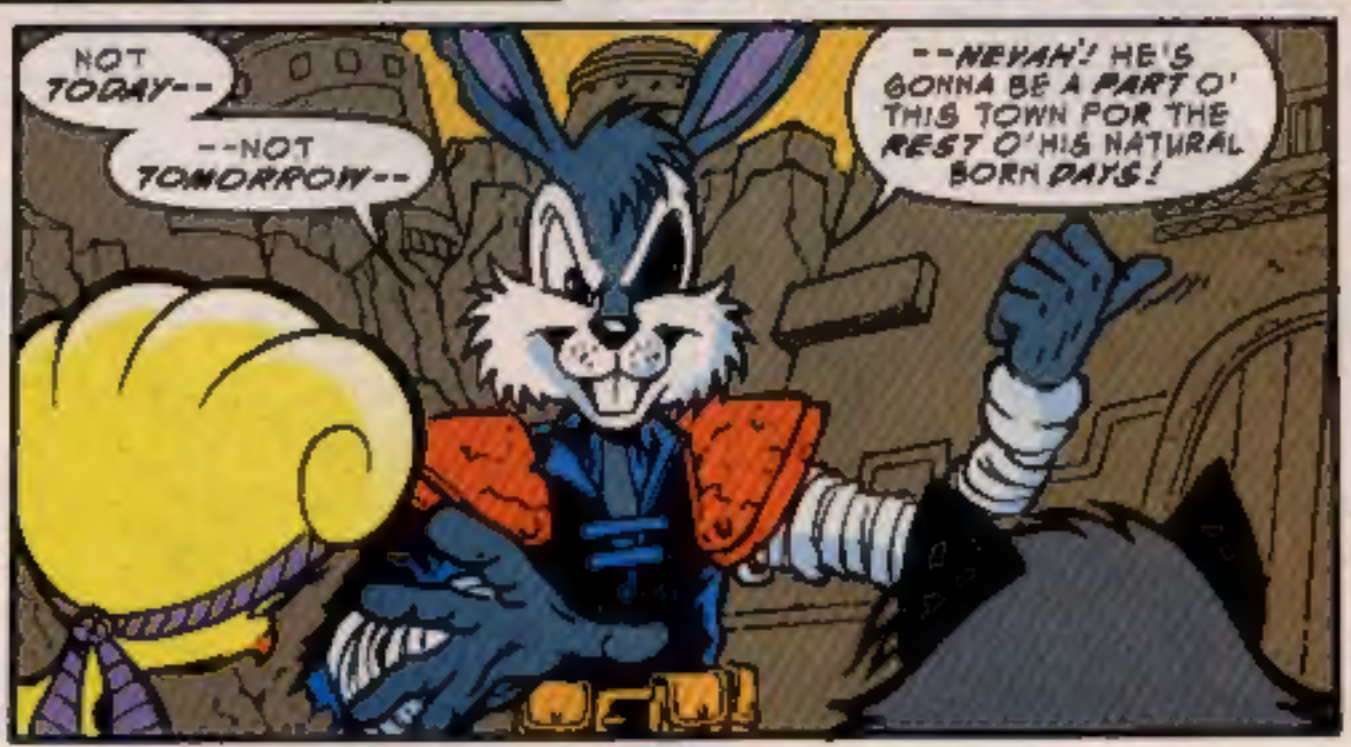
I SAID, "ROBINS TO TAILS! COME IN TAILS..."
OH! UH... SORRY. I-- I MUST'VE BEEN DAYDREAMING.
SONIC, WE'VE GOTTA TALK!
SPIT IT OUT!

UHH... FOX TO HEDGEHOG!
THAT'S YOUR CUE TO TAKE OFF ON YET ANOTHER CHILI-DOG RUN, LADIES!

ANYTHIN' YOU SAY, DAHLIN'!
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME FRIES WITH THAT ORDER?
THIS IS WAY TOO WEIRD!

SECONDS LATER...
STAY!
GO!
STAY!
GO!
IT'S WORKING OUT PERFECTLY! SONIC AIN'T--

LEAVIN' SAND-BLAST CITY!


NOT TODAY--
--NOT TOMORROW--
--NEVAH! HE'S GONNA BE A PART O' THIS TOWN FOR THE REST O' HIS NATURAL BORN DAYS!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE GULAG...

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND--

HEY, SNIVELY!

ULP!

WHERE THE HECK DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN' TO?

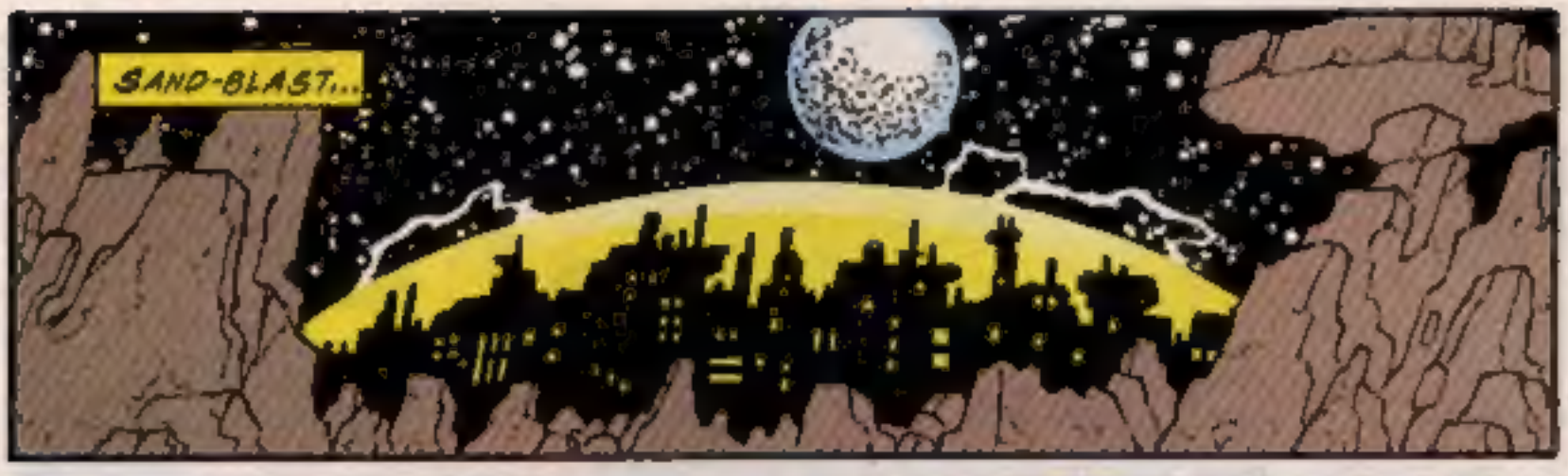
I--

I--

YOU'RE CALLIN' THE SHOTS FROM HERE ON IN! HOW'D YOU BREAK THE CODES ON THE LOCKS, ANYWAYS? AWW... FORGET IT!

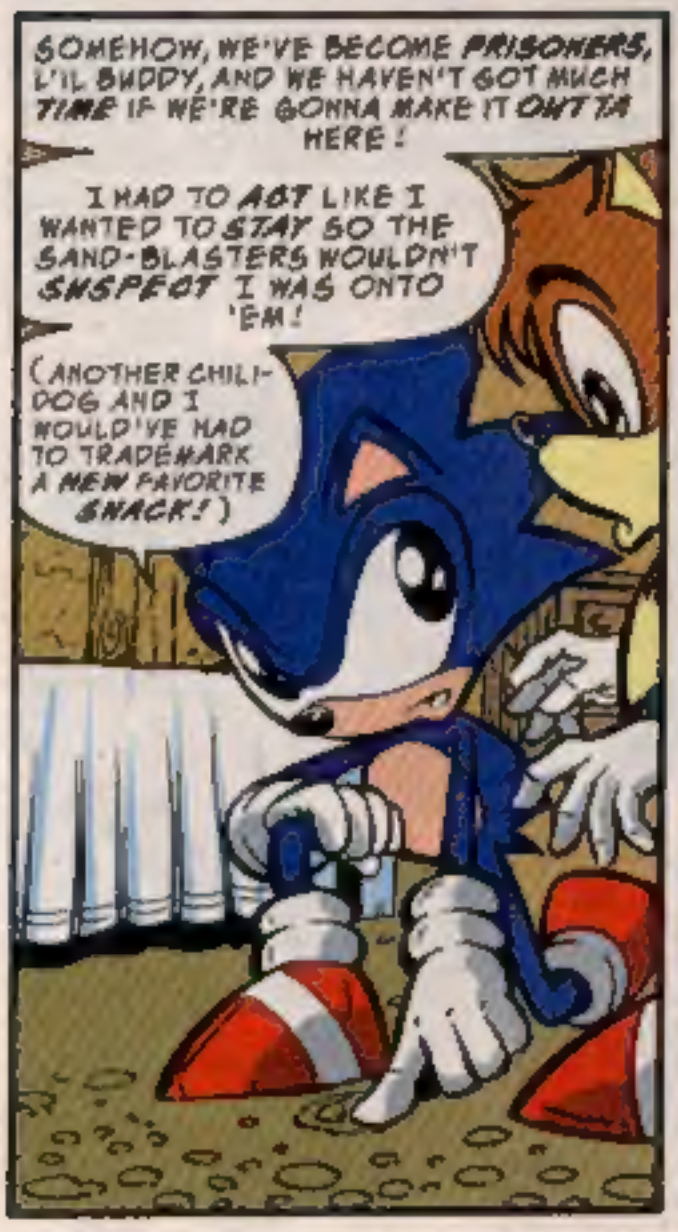
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE BRAGGIN' ABOUT IT LATER, RIGHT?

UHH... RIGHT.


SAND-BLAST...

TAILS.
TAILS!

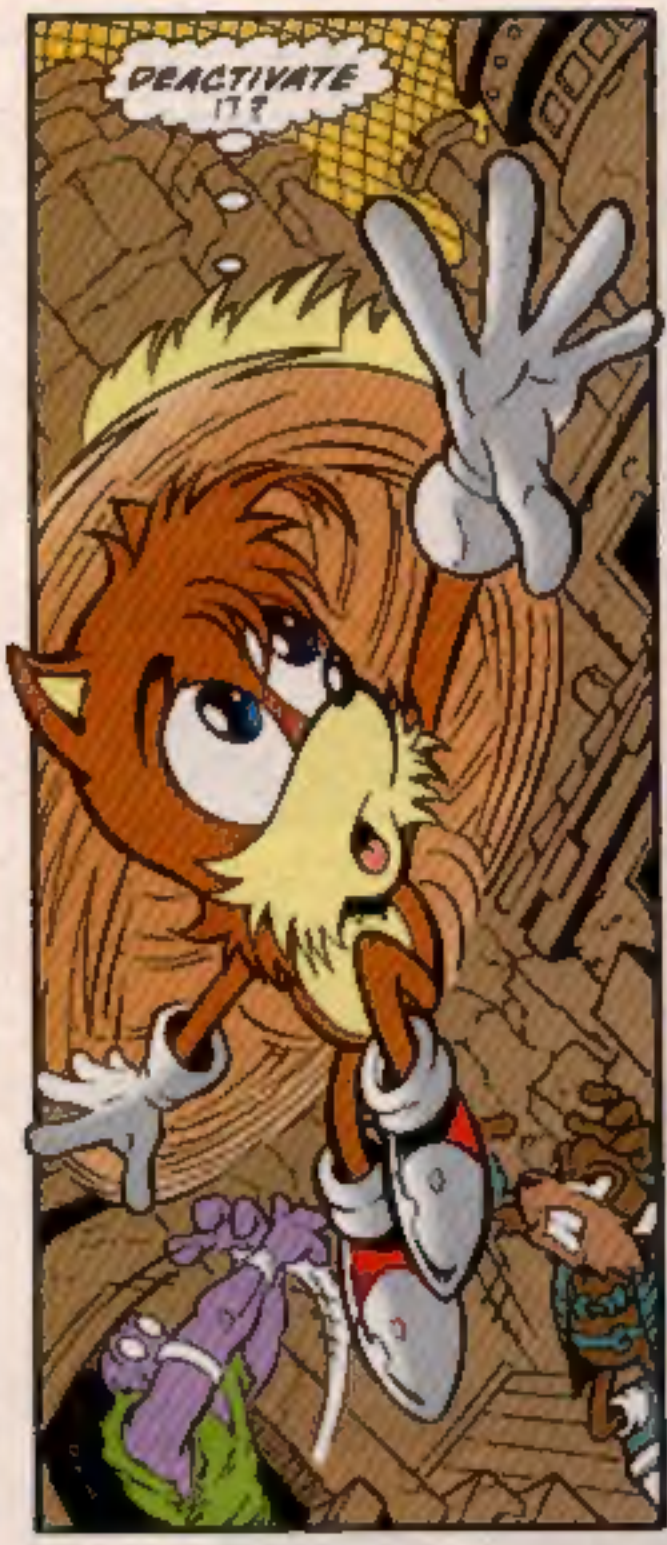
WHA--?
SONIC!
SHHHH?
GEEZ! WAKE UP THE WHOLE TOWN, WHY DON'TCHA'?

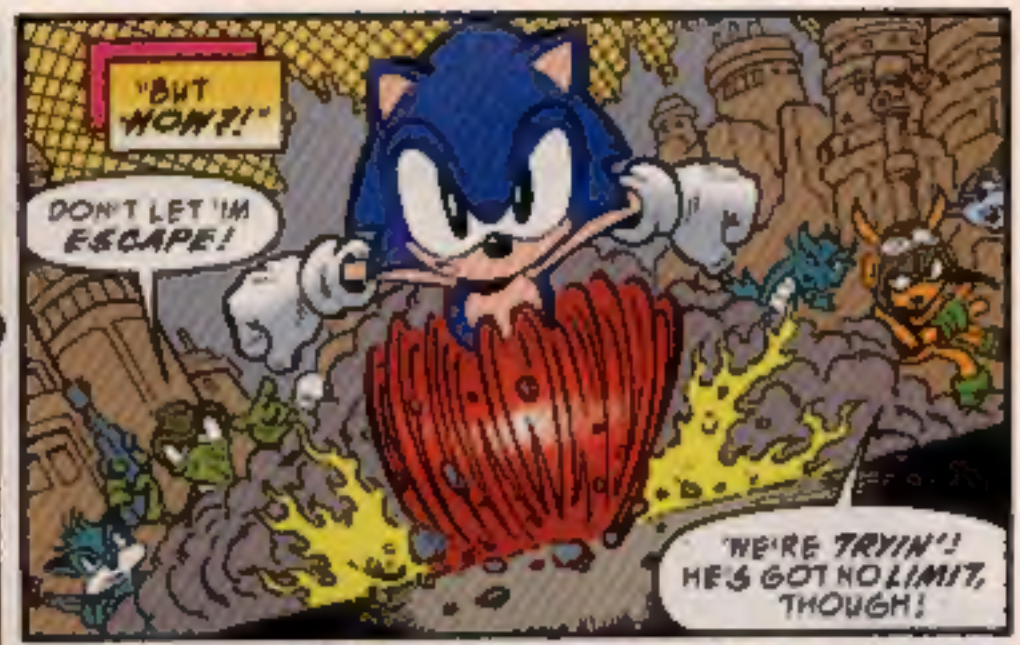

SOMEHOW, WE'VE BECOME PRISONERS, L'IL BUDDY, AND WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME IF WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT OUT TA HERE!
I HAD TO ACT LIKE I WANTED TO STAY SO THE SAND-BLASTERS WOULDN'T SUSPECT I WAS ONTO 'EM!
(ANOTHER CHILI-DOG AND I WOULD'VE HAD TO TRADEMARK A NEW FAVORITE SNACK!)

BUT NOW, I SAY WE MAKE TRACKS BEFORE--

BEFORE WHAT, SONIC?

BEFORE WE TELL YOU THERE'S NO GETTIN' THROUGH OUR FORCE-FIELD BUBBLE?
I SHOULDA KNOWN YOU FOLKS WERE A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY TO BE FRIENDS, JACK! WHAT'S BECOME OF THE YOUTH OF TODAY? OH WELL... COME ON, TAILS!
OKAY! SEE YA!
GIT 'EM! BUT DON'T Y'ALL HARM 'EM!
WHAT NOW?
WE SPLIT UP!
AND DO WHAT?
YOU GO GET THE BIPLANE STARTED!
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO DEACTIVATE THE FIELD!


DEACTIVATE IT?


"BUT HOW?!"
DON'T LET 'IM ESCAPE!
WE'RE TRYIN'! HE'S GOT NO LIMIT, THOUGH!

DON'T WORRY!
WE'LL TAKE 'IM!
YUP!

SCRIIICH

SORRY, FELLAS, BUT "DEMS THE BRAKES"!
WHOA
COUGH!
WHEEZE

GET THE LEAD OUT YA FUZZBALLS

" OR THEY'LL GET AWAY!

THERE SHE IS--"WINGED VICTORY"! I'VE GOTTA GET HER UP IN THE AIR--

--OR WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF JACK RABBITT'S JAIL!

DROP IT TAILS--OR ELSE!

OKAY, BUT DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU.

HEY--BUT YOU DIDN'T!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO SAY THAT! OH WELL --AT LEAST YOU CAN SAY THAT YOU'VE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE "TARP!"

WHERE--

--ARE THOSE--

--CONTROLS?!

THAT'S IT!

SNAP

IT WAS IN MY FACE ALL ALONG! AFTER ALL WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF SAND-BLAST CITY? THE PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD THAT KEEPS OUT THE ROBOTNIKS!

IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT TG CONTROLS WOULD BE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT SPOT AROUND HERE.

AND JACK GAD IT HIMSELF!

"See last issue for the clue. - Inspector Gadget

SHEESH! TALK ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL CONFLICTS! WELL, HERE GOES...

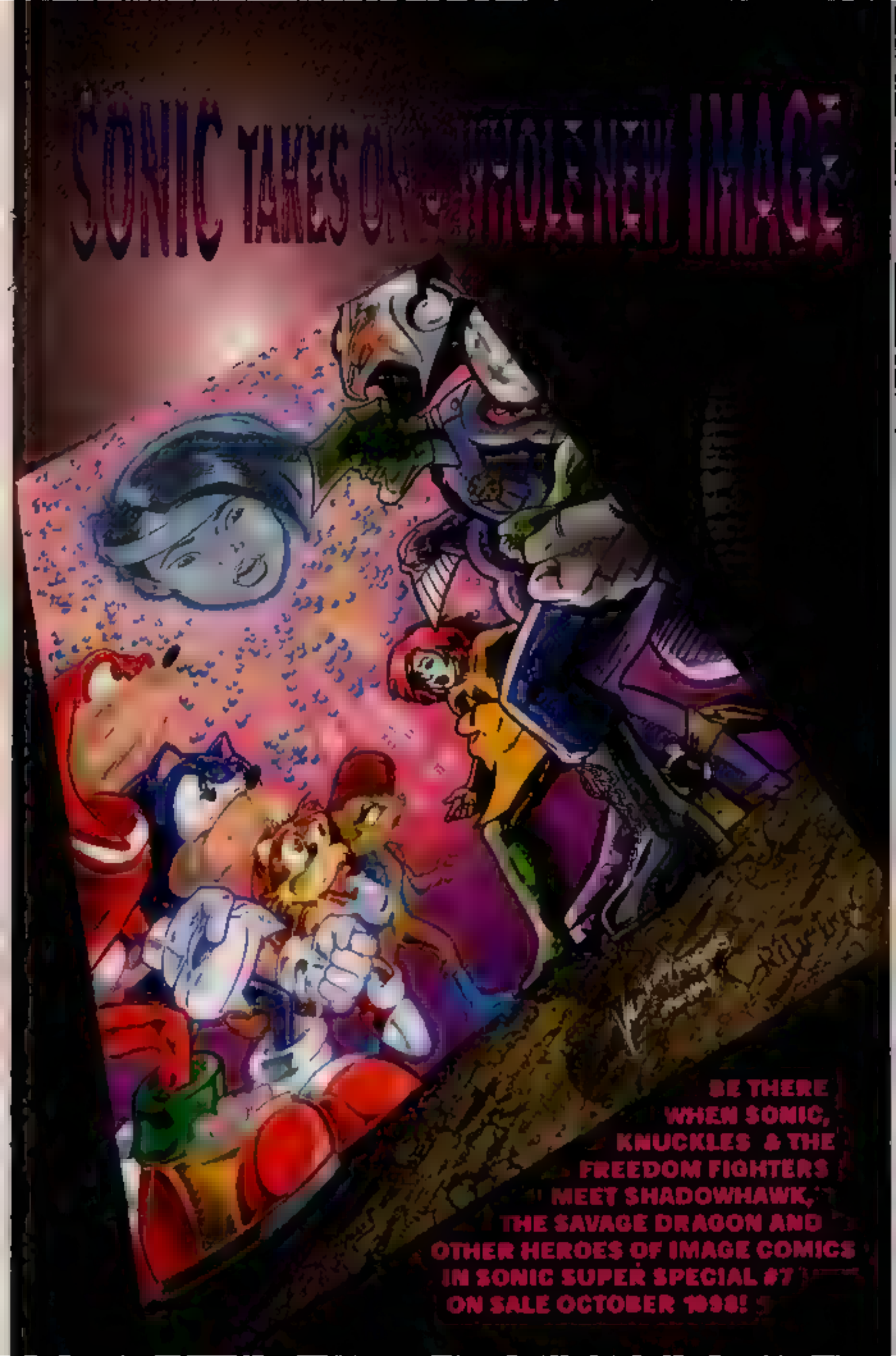
GANGWAY, FANBOYS!

THE HEDGEHOGS COMIN' THROUGH!

AS MUCH AS I'LL HATE MYSELF FOR DOIN' THIS--

"--IT'S GOTTA BE DONE!

OH N--


SONIC TAKES ON A WHOLE NEW IMAGE
BE THERE WHEN SONIC, KNUCKLES & THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS MEET SHADOWHAWK, THE SAVAGE DRAGON AND OTHER HEROES OF IMAGE COMICS IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #7 ON SALE OCTOBER 1994!

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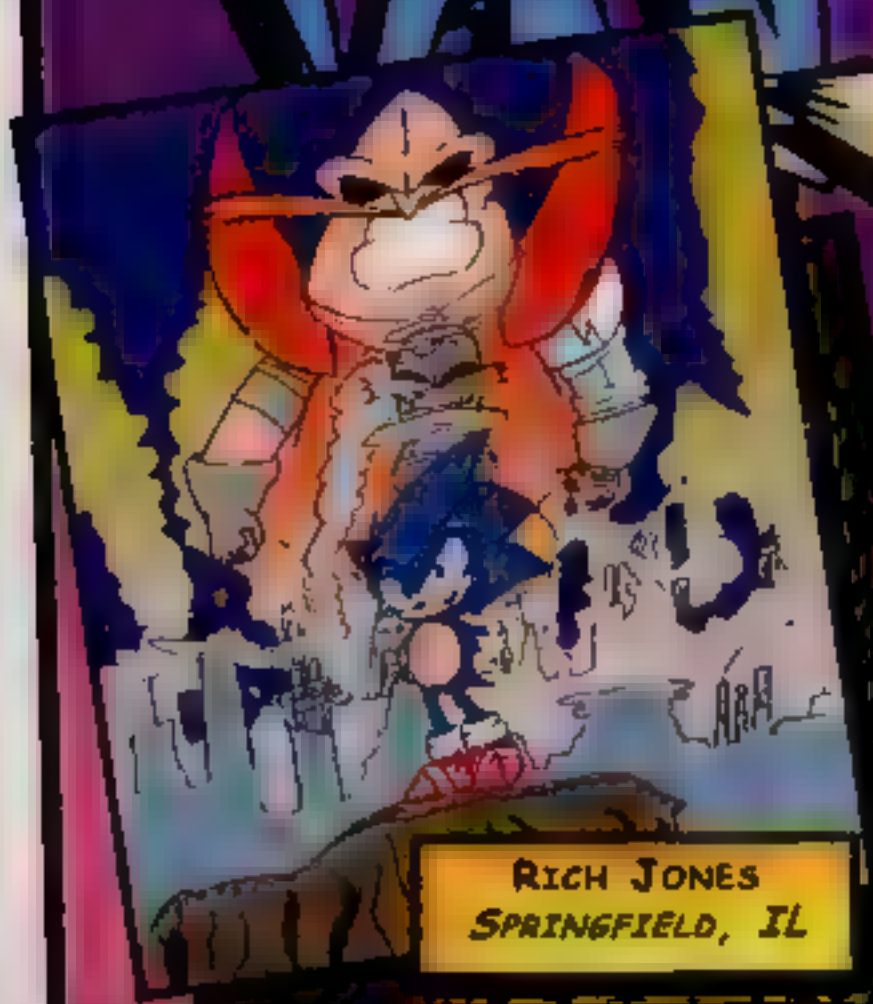

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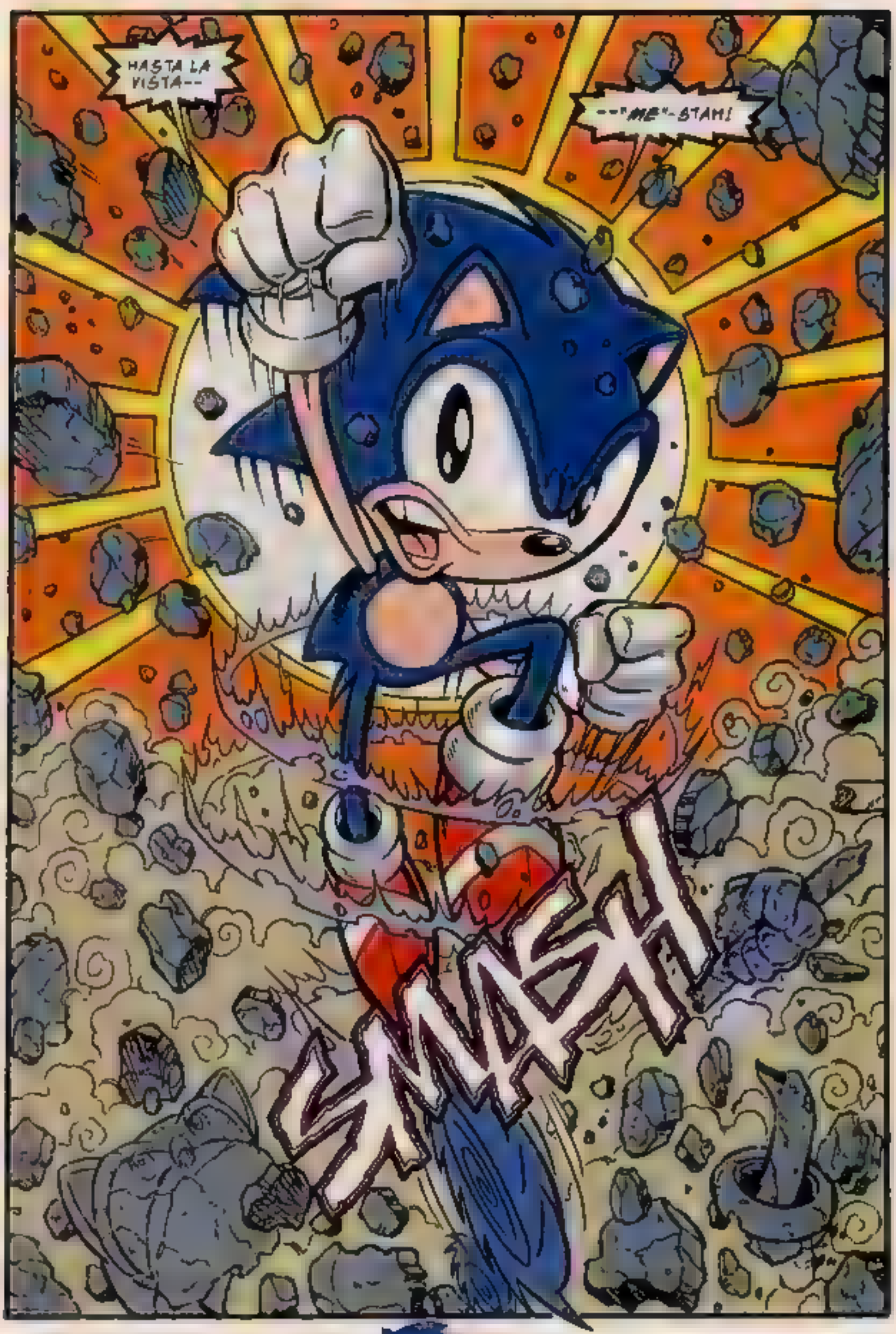
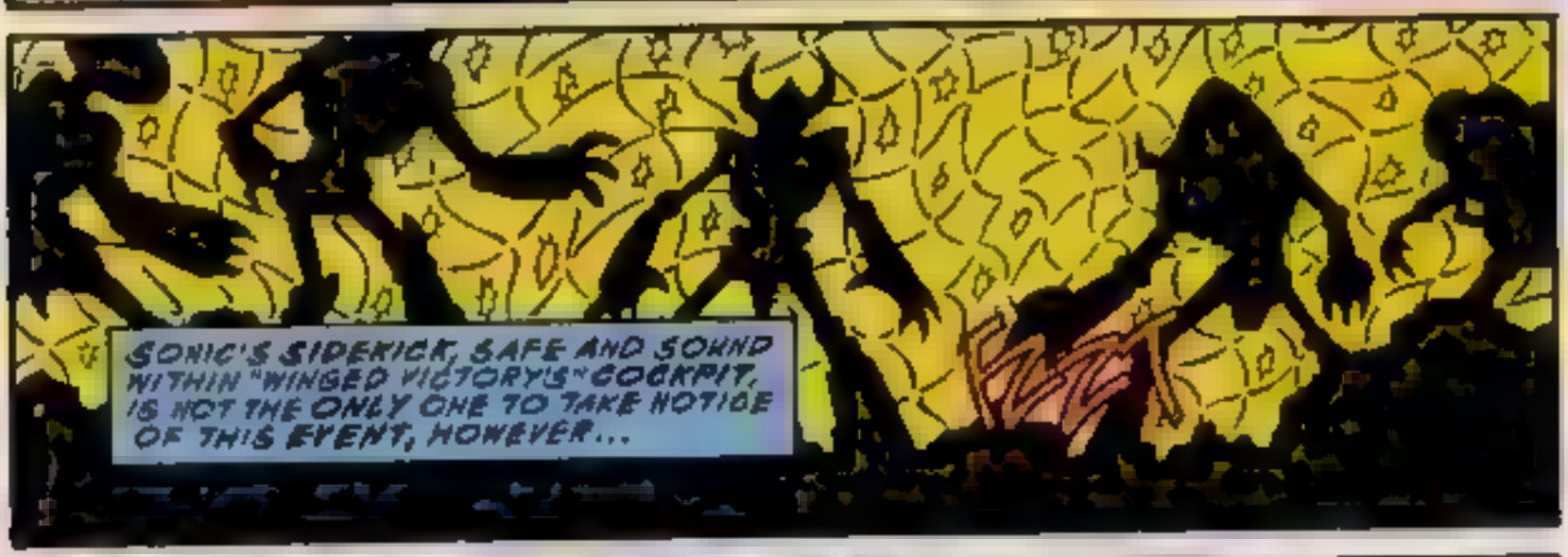
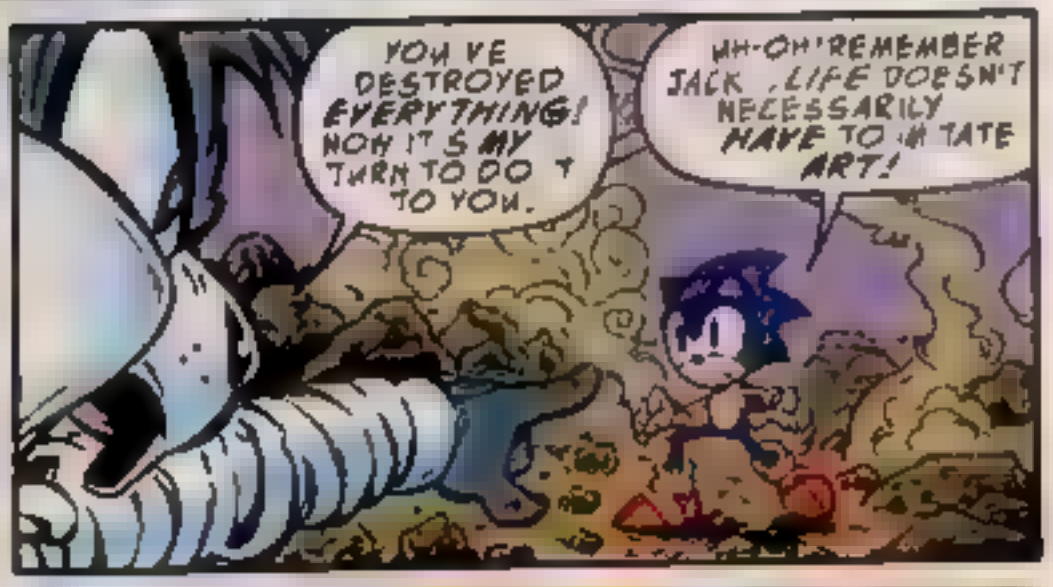
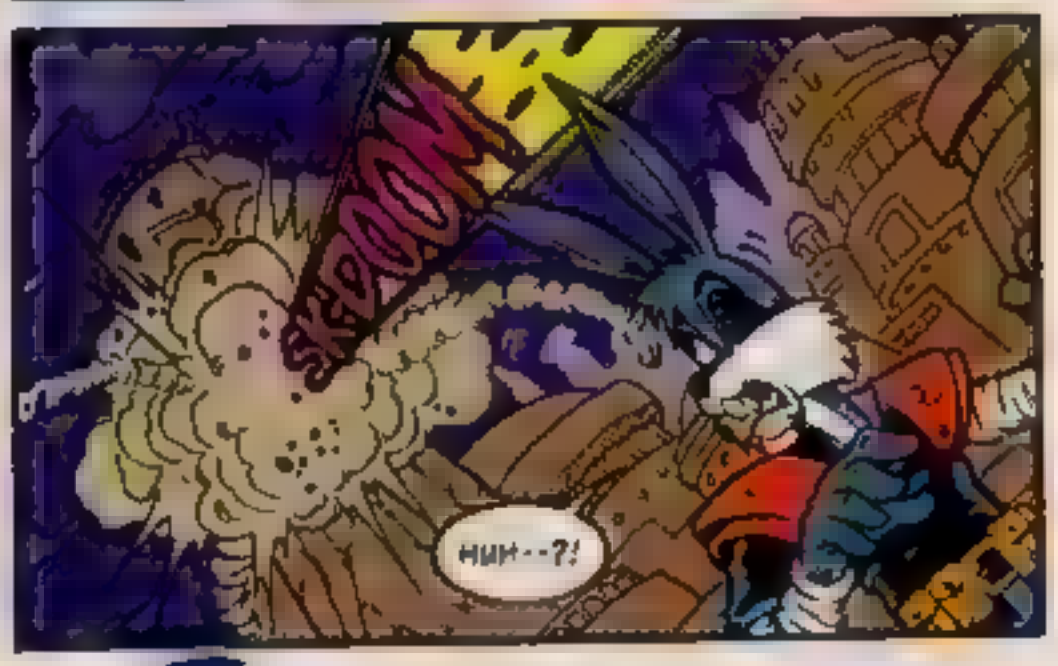

HASTA LA VISTA--
--"ME"-STAM!
SMASH!

HE DID IT. SONIC DID IT!
THE FIELD IS SHORTING OUT!

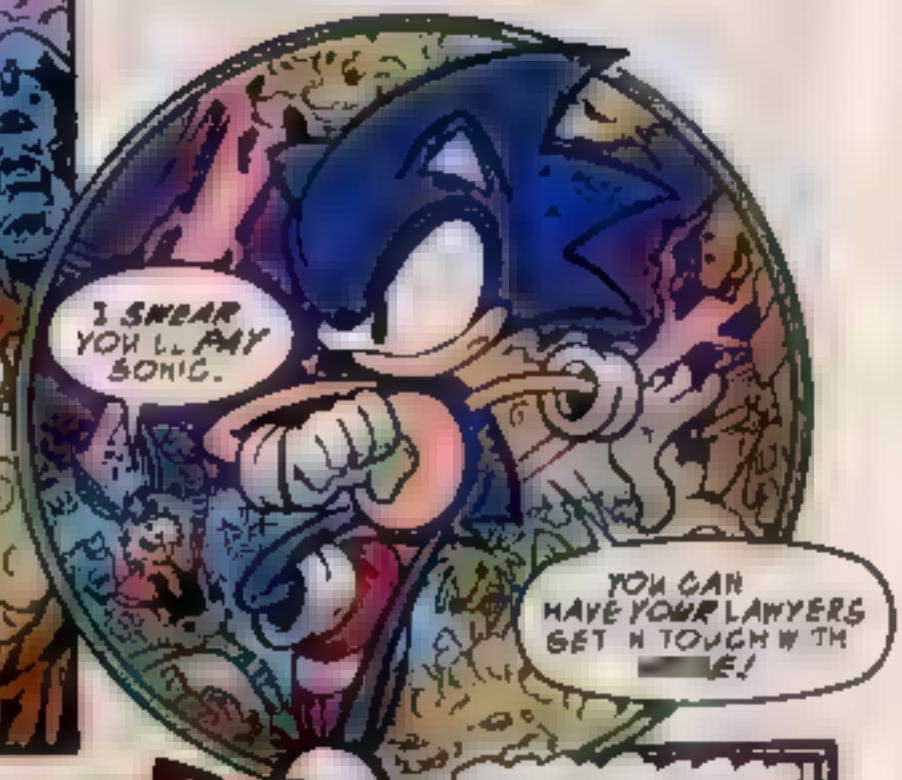

SONIC'S SIDEKICK, SAFE AND SOUND WITHIN "WINGED VICTORY'S" COCKPIT, IS NOT THE ONLY ONE TO TAKE NOTICE OF THIS EVENT, HOWEVER...

WELL, THAT TAKE'S CARE O' THAT!
THE STATUE'S GONE MEANS THE FIELD'S GONE...
THE FIELD'S GONE MEANS--


YOU'VE DESTROYED EVERYTHING! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO DO IT TO YOU.
UH-OH! REMEMBER JACK, LIFE DOESN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO IMITATE ART!

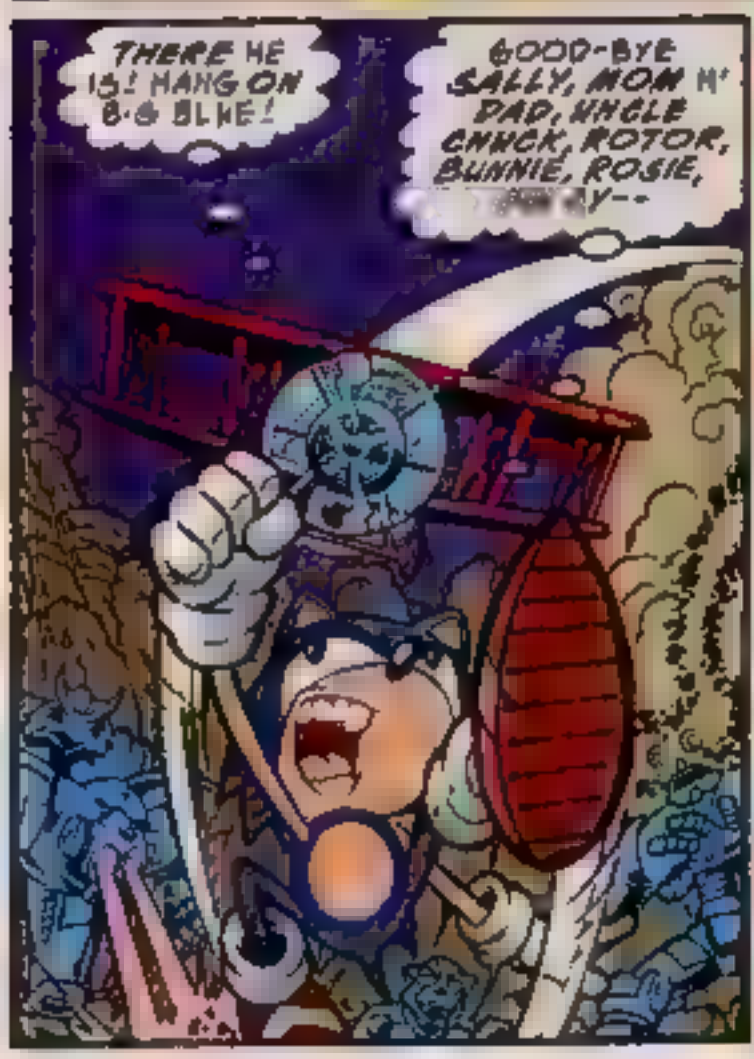

SKRDOOM
HUH--?!

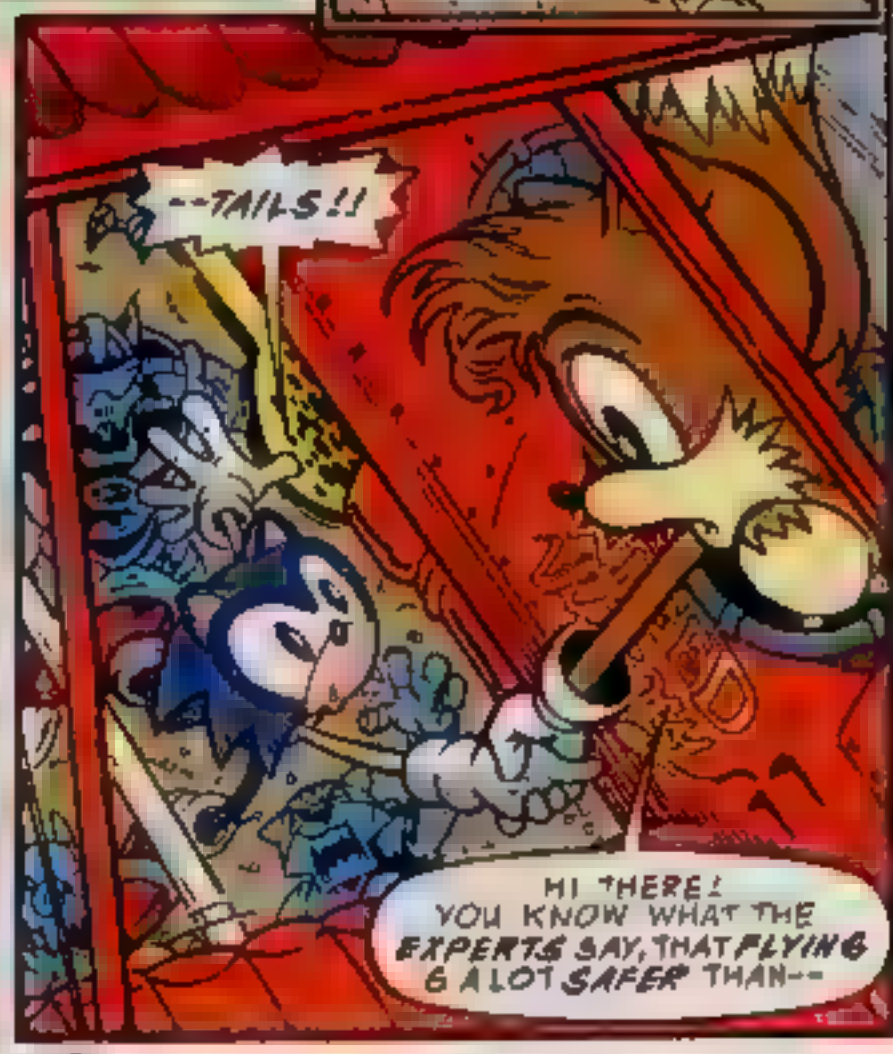
IT'S THEM!
THE ENEMY!
THE CALVARY!

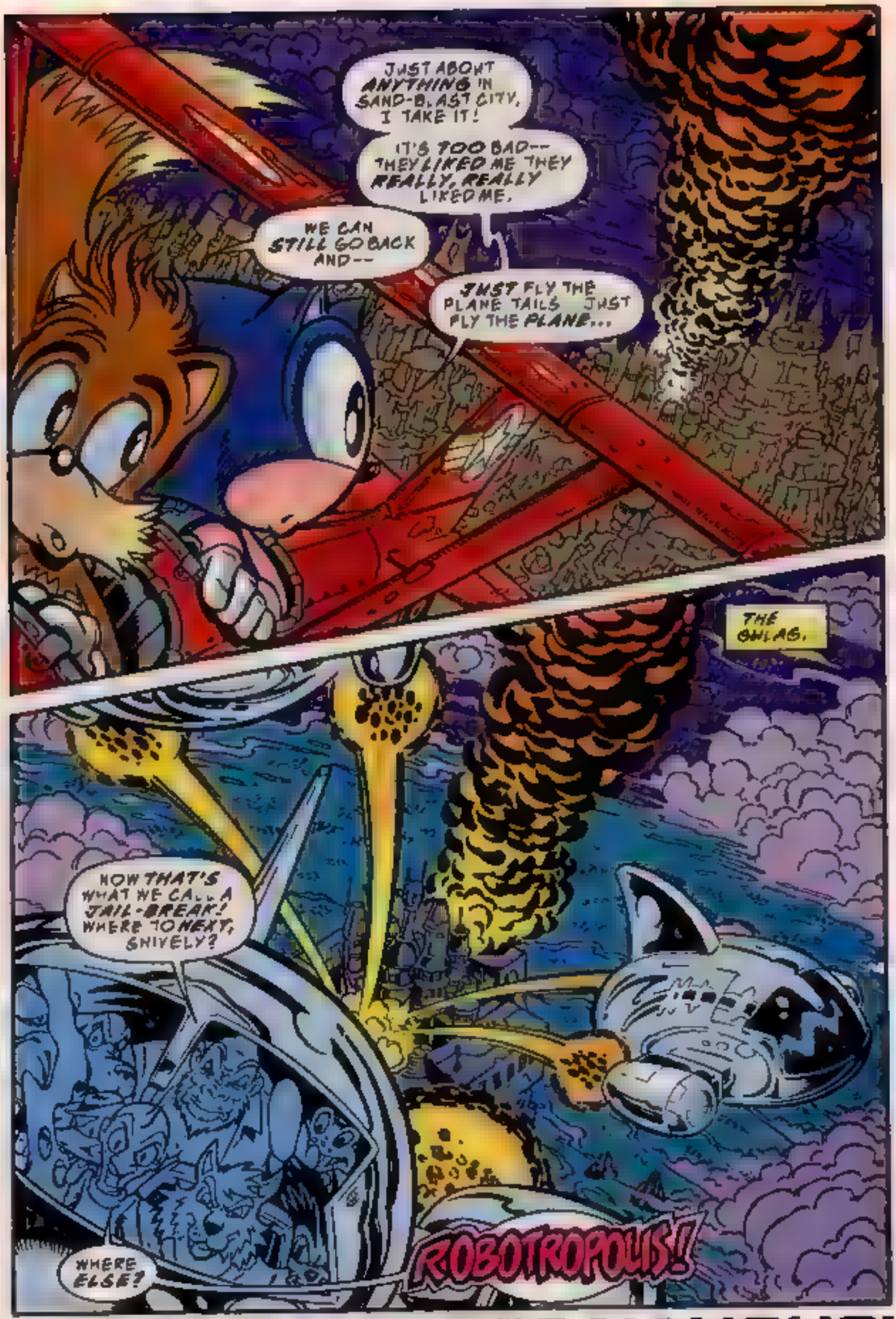

I SWEAR YOU'LL PAY SONIC.
YOU CAN HAVE YOUR LAWYERS GET IN TOUCH WITH [redacted]E!

WHERE IS HE?!

NO SIGN O' TAILS! I HOPE HE MADE IT OUT!
MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE MY GOOSE IS COOKED!


THERE HE IS! HANG ON B-G BLUE!
GOOD-BYE SALLY, MOM N' DAD, UNCLE CHUCK, ROTOR, BUNNIE, ROSIE, [redacted]AY--


--TAILS!!
HI THERE! YOU KNOW WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY, THAT FLYING IS A LOT SAFER THAN--



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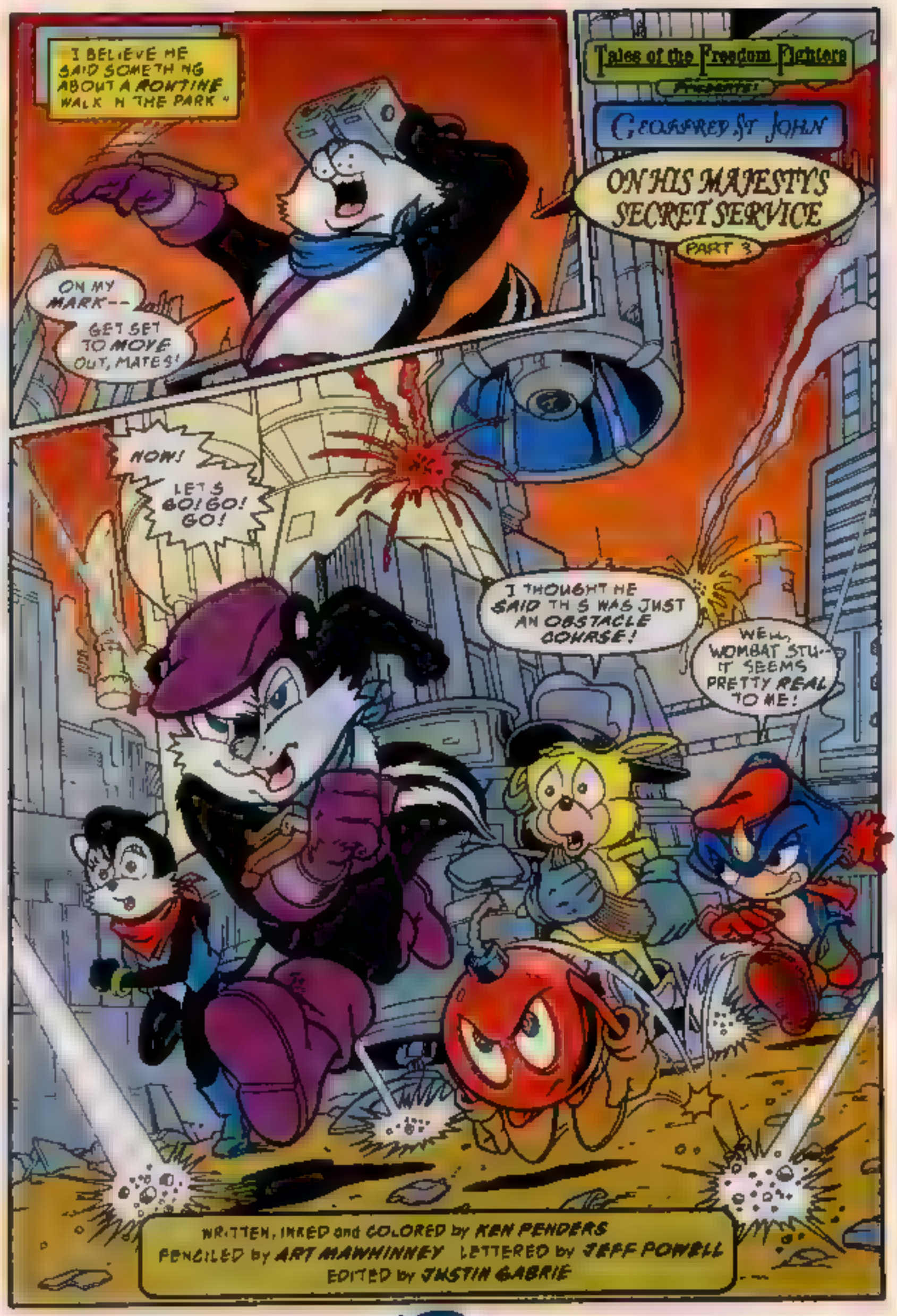
THE "PRO ART"
COLORING PAGE

THIS HAS GOT TO STOP!
EVERY TIME I NEED HIM HE DISAPPEARS!
SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE I HAVEN'T CHECKED--
IT'S ABOUT TIME I DID!
PRINCESS SALLY!
THIS IS INDEED AN HONOR, MA'AM!
YOU CAN BELAY THE FORMALITIES, LIEUTENANT SMILEY!
I'M HERE TO SEE COMMANDER ST. JOHN!
BEGGING YOUR PARDON YOUR HIGHNESS--
IF YOU WILL KINDLY STEP ASIDE I'D LIKE TO SEE FOR MYSELF!
-BUT HE'S NOT HERE!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE NOT ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT!
UNAUTHORIZED?!
SINCE WHEN AM I CONSIDERED UNAUTHORIZED, LIEUTENANT?
I HAVE MY ORDERS, PRINCESS.
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE COMMANDER!
WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?


I BELIEVE HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT A ROUTINE WALK IN THE PARK.
Tales of the Freedom Fighters
Presents:
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE
PART 3
ON MY MARK--
GET SET TO MOVE OUT, MATES!
NOW!
LET'S GO! GO! GO!
I THOUGHT HE SAID THIS WAS JUST AN OBSTACLE COURSE!
WELL, WOMBAT STUFF IT SEEMS PRETTY REAL TO ME!
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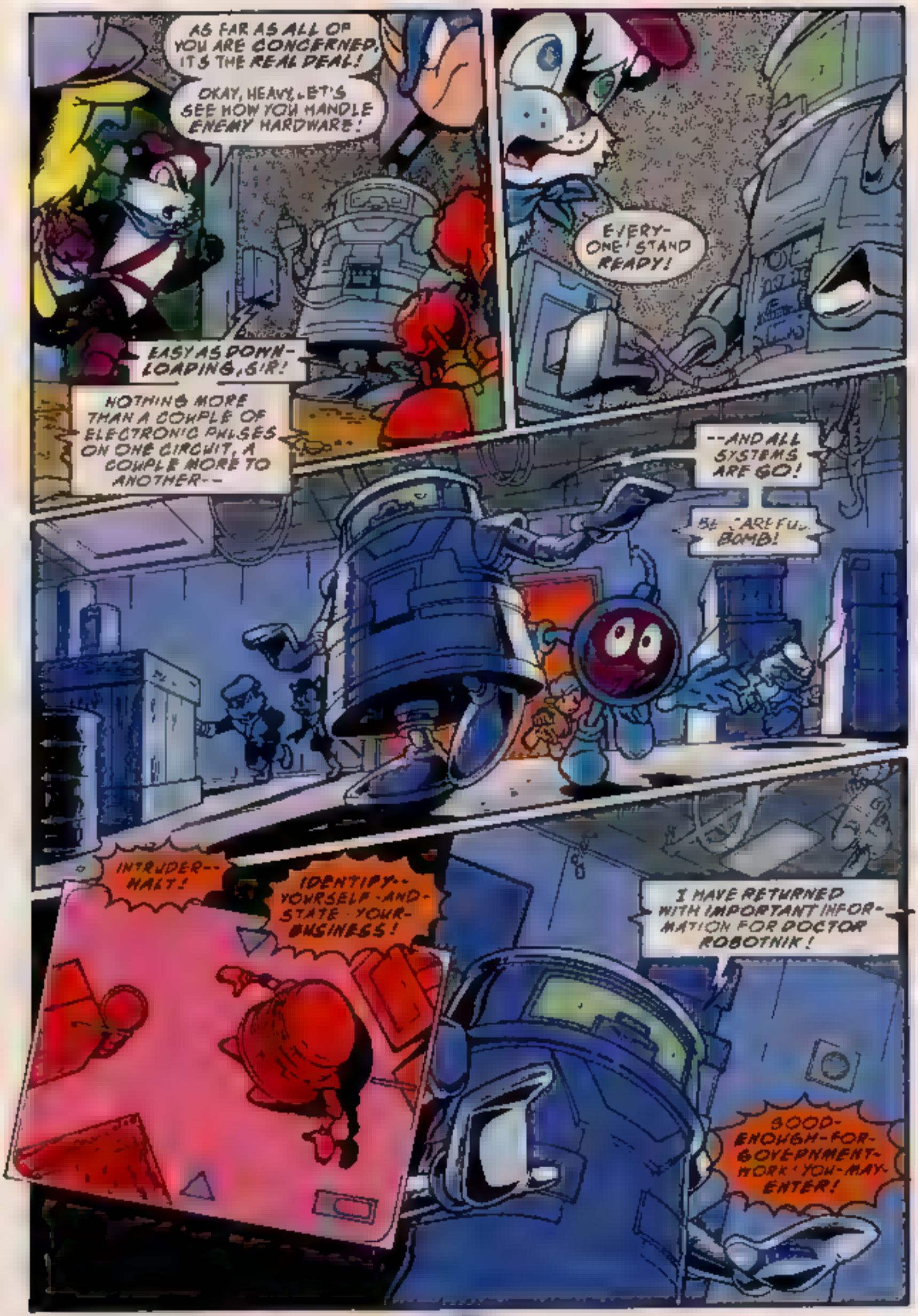
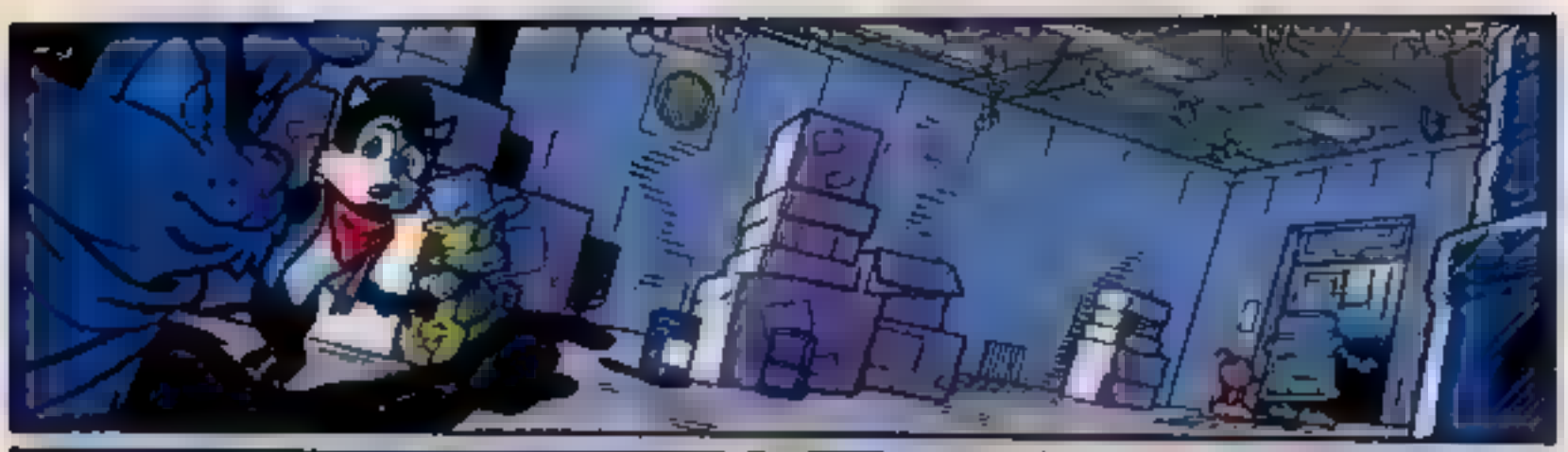
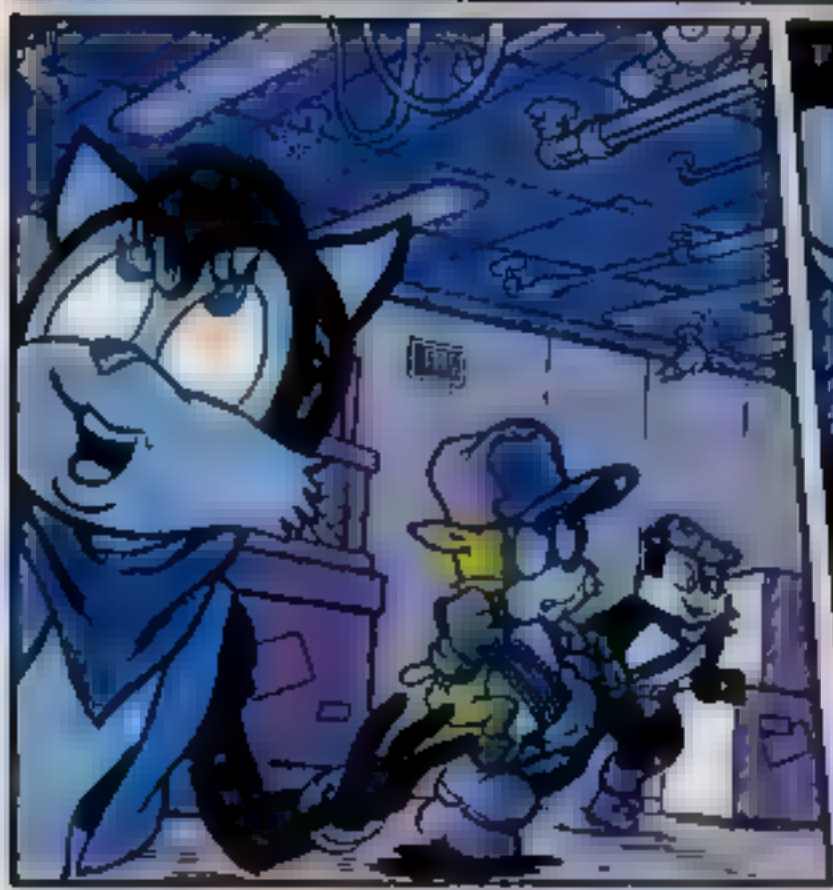

AS FAR AS ALL OF YOU ARE CONCERNED, IT'S THE REAL DEAL!
OKAY, HEAVY, LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE ENEMY HARDWARE!
EVERY-ONE STAND READY!
EASY AS DOWN-LOADING, SIR!
NOTHING MORE THAN A COUPLE OF ELECTRONIC PULSES ON ONE CIRCUIT, A COUPLE MORE TO ANOTHER--
--AND ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!
BOMB!
INTRUDER--HALT!
IDENTIFY--YOURSELF-AND-STATE-YOUR-BUSINESS!
I HAVE RETURNED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
GOOD-ENOUGH-FOR-GOVERNMENT-WORK! YOU-MAY-ENTER!



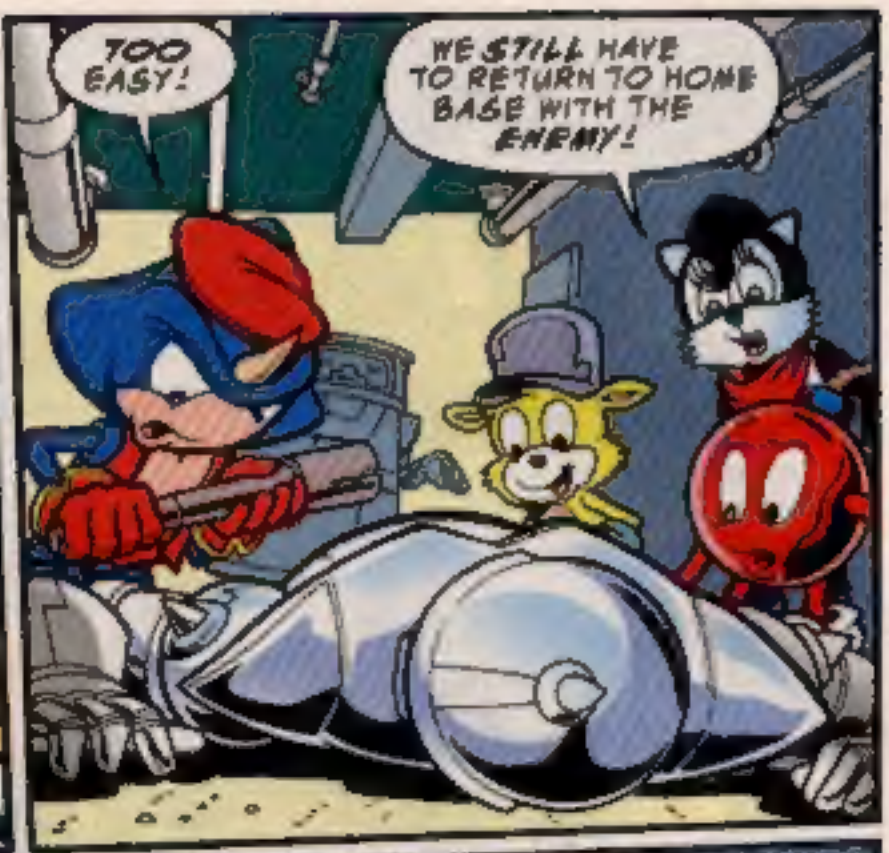


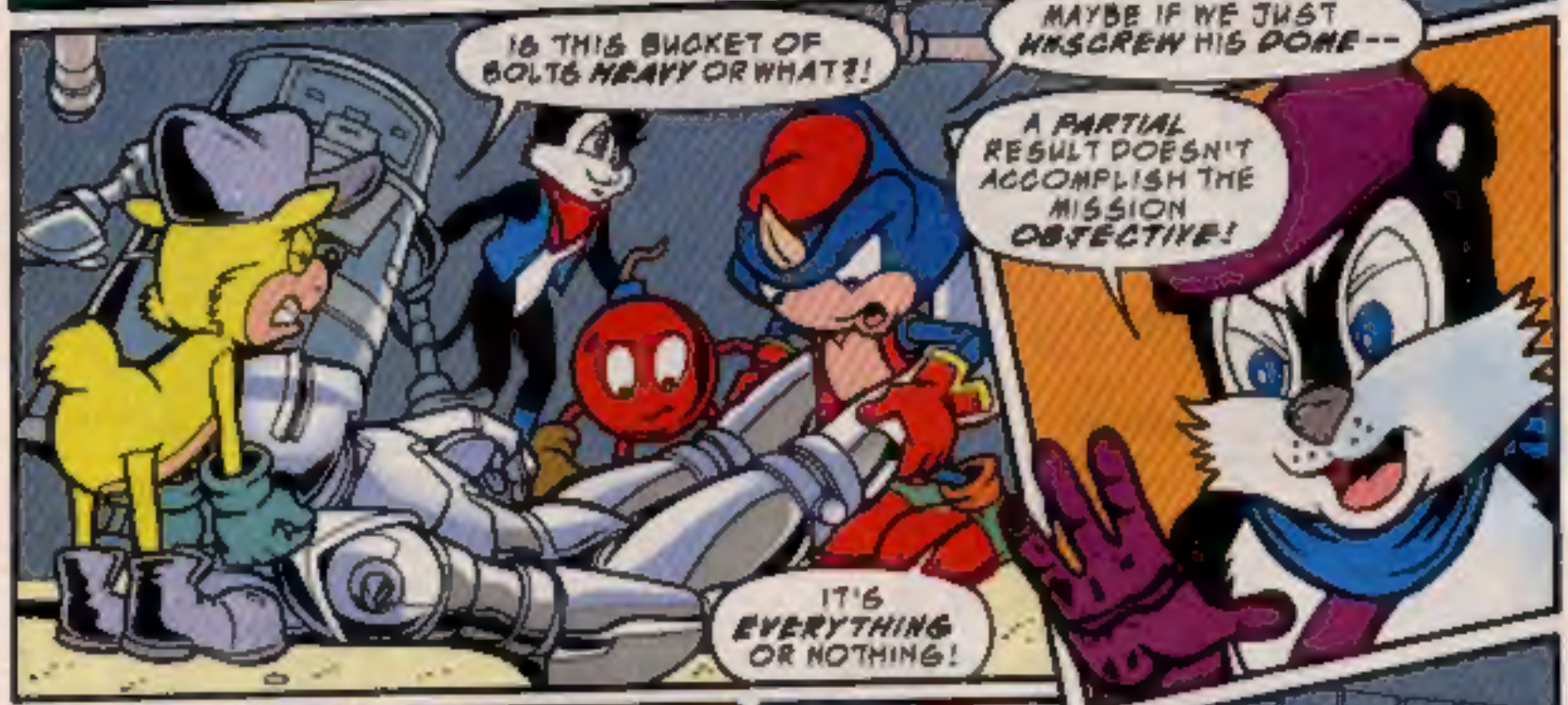
SENSORS DISABLED!
I DOUBT THEY WERE UP TO SPEC IN THE FIRST PLACE:
EVEN SO, WHY TAKE CHANCES, RIGHT?
NICELY DONE, VALDEZ!

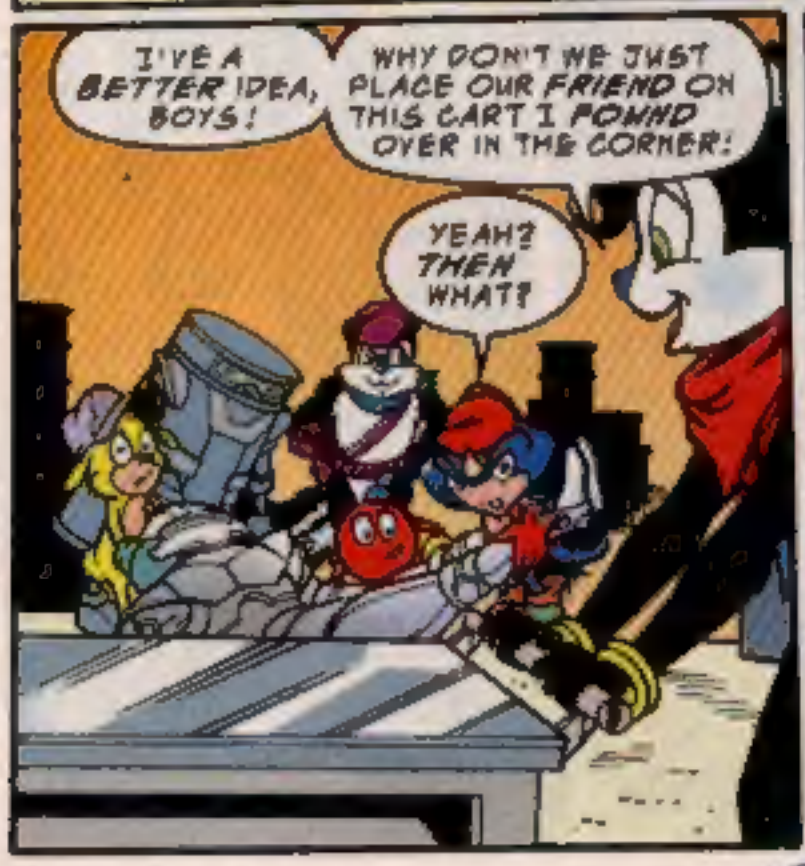
WHAT NOW? THE ELEVATOR IS AT THE BOTTOM!
THINK INITIATIVE AND TEAMWORK, HERSHEY!

OKAY, TEAM! LET'S KEEP IT DOWN TO A ROAR UNTIL WE SCOPE OUT THE TERRITORY!
I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT COME IN HANDY!

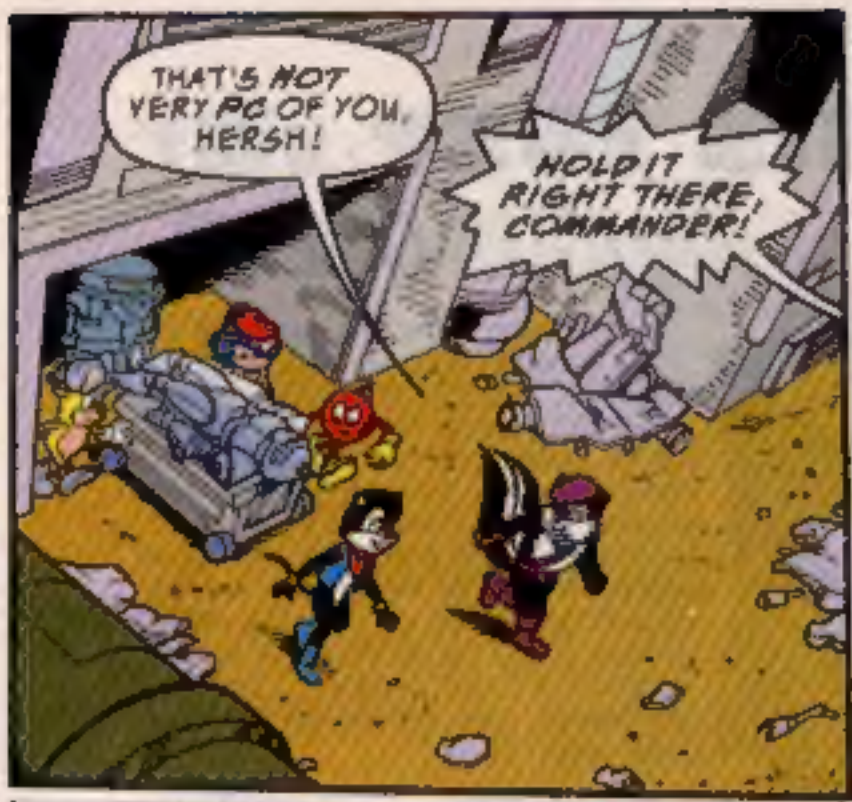
CHONK


TOO EASY!
WE STILL HAVE TO RETURN TO HOME BASE WITH THE ENEMY!


IS THIS BUCKET OF BOLTS HEAVY OR WHAT?!
IT'S EVERYTHING OR NOTHING!
MAYBE IF WE JUST UNSCREW HIS DOME--
A PARTIAL RESULT DOESN'T ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION OBJECTIVE!


I'VE A BETTER IDEA, BOYS!
WHY DON'T WE JUST PLACE OUR FRIEND ON THIS CART I FOUND OVER IN THE CORNER!
YEAH? THEN WHAT?

SIMPLE! WE TAKE THE EXPRESS ROUTE TO STREET LEVEL!
I SWEAR MEN JUST DON'T PAY ATTENTION!
HEY!--


THAT'S NOT VERY PC OF YOU, HERSH!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, COMMANDER!

IF THIS ISN'T A PLEASANT SURPRISE--
LET'S CAN THE CHARM, MISTER St. JOHN!
YOU'VE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!

WOULD THAT I COULD, PRINCESS, BUT I HAVE MY ORDERS!
AS YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER--
I GET MY ORDERS FROM YOUR SUPERIOR--

KING ACORN!
MY FATHER!
BUT WHY--?!

AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT UP WITH HIM, LUV!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, PRINCESS--
YOU BET I WILL, GEOFFREY!
LET'S GET THIS HUNKA TIN STOWED AWAY, TEAM! YOU'LL RECEIVE A FINAL GRADE TODAY!
NEXT: SHOW TIME! (GET READY FOR SOME SERIOUS FIREWORKS!)

SONIC GRAMS #63

Justin F. Gabrie
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

NAUGUS QUEST!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #64 ON SALE AUGUST 1998

NEXT MONTH: YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT AND NOW IT'S FINALLY HERE... EKIS NAUGUS!!! SONIC AND TAILS CONFRONT THE SORCEROR SAVANT TO THE TRECHEROUS REGIONS OF THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA. HAVE OUR FREEDOM FIGHTING DUO REACHED EKIS IN TIME? WHAT SECRETS LIE WITHIN ITS ICY WAGE? WHATEVER IT IS, EKIS HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD TO FIND IT AND HE WON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN HIS WAY. STORY BY KARL BOLLERS WITH ART BY STEVEN BUTLER AND PAM EKLUND. ALSO: PART FOUR OF ST. JOHN'S "ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE!" ST. JOHN'S TEAM ARE INSTRUCTED ON THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT. BY KEN PENDERS AND ART MAWHINNEY. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #64 ON SALE AUGUST 1998!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #17 ON SALE AUGUST 1998!

IN OTHER NOBOW NEWS...

IN TWO WEEKS: THE PAST AND THE PRESENT COLLIDE WHEN A MYSTERIOUS ECHIDNA MAKES HIS PRESENCE KNOWN TO THE FLOATING ISLAND. THE SECRETS HE POSSESSES CAN AFFECT THE LIVES OF NOT ONLY KNUCKLES, BUT THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS WHO STAND WATCH IN HAVEN AS WELL! STORY AND ART BY THE TEAM OF PENDERS, GALAN AND PEPOY. KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #17 ON AUGUST '98!

NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #4 ON SALE AUGUST 1998!

IN OTHER SEGA NEWS...

AND IN THREE WEEKS: PICKING UP FROM LAST ISSUE, NIGHTS IS ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION. MEANWHILE, ELLIOT AND CLARIS CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN NOT ONLY NIGHTS BUT THE FABRIC OF LIFE ITSELF. ONLY REALA STANDS IN THEIR WAY AND HE'S NO PUSHOVER! THE EXCITING SAGA CONCLUDES IN THIS ISSUE BY WRITER KARL BOLLERS WITH ART BY FAN-FAVE PATRICK SPAZIANTE, ALONG WITH PENCIL FINISHES BY SAM MAXWELL AND INKS BY HARVO. DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE SPAZ/HARVO/HEROIC AGE COMPUTER-MODELED COVER! NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #4 ON SALE AUGUST '98! TO ORDER, LOOK FOR COUPONS IN THIS VERY ISSUE!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

Justin
Freddy
Gabrie

P.S.: IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON VISITING THE SAN DIEGO COMIC CON FROM AUGUST 13-16, BE SURE TO LOOK FOR SONIC & KNUCKLES SCRIBE KEN PENDERS WHO WILL BE MAKING AN APPEARENCE. ALSO BE SURE TO LOG ON HIS OWN WEBSITE AT:
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NOW IT'S TIME TO DISCUSS SONIC #55 & SONIC #56...

DEAR SONIC,

I FIGURED SINCE I'M GOING TO WRITE TO KNUCKLES EVERY MONTH ABOUT HIS LATEST ISSUE THEN WHY NOT YOU? SO STARTING WITH SONIC #55 PREPARE TO GET A LETTER FROM ME ABOUT EVERY ISSUE. SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO I SHALL START MY LETTER... MONKEY KHAN IS A PRETTY COOL DUDE, FOR A MONKEY. HE'S AN IMPROVEMENT OVER SERGEANT SIMIAN (PERSONALLY I THINK HE'S TOO DONKEY KONG-LIKE), BUT MONKEY KHAN IS WAY BETTER! I HOPE HE MAKES ANOTHER APPEARANCE SOON!

WELL IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S A BIT OF TROUBLE STARTING UP IN ROBOTROPOLIS, AS SEEN IN RISE OF THE ROMANS. I'M SURE KING ACORN DOESN'T REALLY WANT UNCLE CHUCK AND THE OTHER ROBIANS DISMANTLED. SOMETHING MUST BE TERRIBLY WRONG WITH HIS JUDGMENT! AFTER ALL IF IT WASN'T FOR ROBOTARD, ALLO MAY HAVE NEVER BEEN SAVED, AS SHOWN IN BRAVE NEW WORLD. TRUE, UNCLE CHUCK DID INVENT THE ROBOTOCIZER, BUT IT WAS MEANT TO HELP PEOPLE NOT HURT THEM.

KATHLEEN "KAT" D. NAJERA
LAKEWOOD, CA

YES, UNCLE CHUCK INVENTED THE ROBOTOCIZER TO TRY AND HELP PEOPLE BUT HE COULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN THAT ROBOTNIK WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF IT AND TRY TO ENSLAVE ALL THE PEOPLE ON MOBIUS. NOW TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ABOUT MONKEY KHAN. WELL YOU KNOW THAT HE AND SONIC DID NOT GET OFF TO A GOOD START AFTER THE EGGBOTS FREED HIM FROM HIS PRISON. BUT BY THE END, THEY BECAME FRIENDS. HOPE YOU CAUGHT HIM IN SONIC #60. BUT IF YOU MISSED IT THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR SONIC #70 IN WHICH HE'LL MAKE HIS NEXT APPEARANCE.

DEAR SONIC,

I HAVE GOT TWO WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR FINAL FIST FIGHT WITH ROBOTNIK IN ISSUE #50 OR THE MEGA BATTLE BETWEEN SUPER SONIC, HYPER KNUCKLES AND TURBO TAILS AGAINST THE AWESOME POWER OF MAMMOTH MOGUL WHEN HE BECAME MASTER MOGUL IN SONIC #54: WHHHOOOOOOKKKTTTTAAAALLLL KKKKOOOOOMMMMBBBBAAAAATTTT!! NOT SINCE LIU KANG VERSUS SHANG TSUNG HAVE I SEEN SUCH BATTLES! WHEW!

AND NOW ON TO KING ACORN: HE WANTS TO DESTROY THE ROBOTOCIZED MOBIANS JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE OUTCASTS! I HAVE GOT A QUESTION FOR SALLY, "WHAT THE HECK HAS GOTTEN INTO YOUR FATHER?" HE'S CHANGED FROM "KING TYCOON" TO "CAPTAIN BLOOD" FOR PETE'S SAKE.

WILLIAM CROWE
EVANSVILLE, IN

THAT FIGHT WITH ROBOTNIK IN #50 WAS A TOUGH ONE BUT JUST BE GLAD THAT HE IS GONE. NOW MOBIANS HVE THE CHANCE TO REBUILD AGAIN. AND YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO RELIVE IT AGAIN IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6. DON'T MISS IT! ON TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT KING ACORN: THE ANSWER TO THE CAUSE OF THE KING'S PROBLEM APPEARED IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4: RETURN OF THE KING. IN THAT ISSUE, WE FOUND OUT THAT IXIS NAUGUS WAS THE TRUE CULPRIT BEHIND THE KING'S "PROBLEM." HE WAS THE WIZARD WHOM KING ACORN WAS FORCED TO MAKE A DEAL WITH IN ORDER TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE. BECAUSE OF THAT BARGAIN, HALF OF HIS BODY WAS TURNED TO CRYSTAL WHEN HE RETURNED TO MOBIUS. THAT CRYSTALLIZATION MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR IXIS TO TAKE CONTROL OF HIS MIND. IT'S IXIS WHO WANTS TO DISMANTLE THE ROBOTOCIZED CITIZENS OF MOBIUS, NOT THE KING.

DEAR SONIC,

YOUR COMIC IS GREAT! THE ART IN THE LAST FEW ISSUES HAS BEEN MAGNIFICENT! THE STORIES KEEP GETTING BETTER! I LIKE IT WHEN MEMBERS OF THE SUPPORTING CAST PLAY A MORE PROMINENT ROLE LIKE ANTOINE DID IN ISSUE #55.

TIM DUTCHER
SAINT CLOUD, WI

WELL, TIM, IT WAS FORTUNATE FOR SONIC THAT ANTOINE WAS THERE BECAUSE ONCE MONKEY KHAN SPLIT WITH SALLY, THEY HAD TO FACE THE EGGBOTS ALONE. WHETHER OR NOT BOTH SONIC AND ANTOINE COULD HANDLE THOSE BOTS DIDN'T MATTER MUCH WHEN MONKEY KHAN CAME BACK (AFTER SALLY PERSUADED HIM TO) AND FRIED SOME ROBOT BUTT.

WHOA!

SONIC #56 WAS AWESOME. I READ IT TWICE TO MAKE SURE I HADN'T MISSED ANYTHING. IT WAS CERTAINLY A CLIMACTIC ENDING AND I WAS SURPRISED SO MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN ONE COMIC. LATELY, THE WRITERS HAVE BEEN TEASING THE READERS WITH LOOSE ENDS, KEEPING US AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS THE HEROES. WITH THE END OF THE ENERJAK/MOGUL STORY LINE, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A TRIUMVIRATE OF HEROES: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG - PROTECTOR OF MOBIUS; KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA - GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND; TAILS - THE CHOSEN ONE. I FOR ONE THINK THE FUTURE STORIES IN BOTH SONIC & KNUCKLES HAVE MUCH PROMISE!

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WELL, THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMENTS. SEE YOU IN THIRTY. AND REMEMBER...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!